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Culture CAPITAL

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Mayor Naheed Nenshi speaks to an excited crowd at the Jack Singer Concert Hall on Wednesday, Calgary 2012 unveiled some of the events that will take place during the city's year as the Cultural Capital of Canada.

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Deerfoot to dodge summer gridlock

Commute. Province believes motorists will be less inconvenienced this construction season



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No work on the Calf Robe or Ogden bridges could mean commuter bliss this summer for Deerfoot travellers.

The past two summers have seen 130,000 motorists using Calgary's busiest roadway daily squeezed into

fewer lanes as crews worked to replace and resurface areas both north and southbound.

But the usual moans and groans associated with construction delays will likely be muffled — at least somewhat — this year, according to Alberta Transportation spokesperson Trent Bancarz.

"In terms of disruptions to traffic, it should be much smoother," Bancarz said. "There's nothing planned for the main line of Deerfoot Trail."

South Calgary commuters will be especially pleased with the news, as they were also forced to contend with the closure of 52nd Street SE, a busy commuter artery, last

year. That road is still being widened but should reopen on schedule in August, said area Ald. Shane Keating.

"The future looks bright. A few more pains and then we'll get out of it," he added. Bancarz did caution that not all motorists are entirely out the woods.

Bridge work is planned this summer for an interchange coming off 16th Avenue NW onto Deerfoot, but it is expected that two lanes will remain open throughout.

The City of Calgary is expected to release details on construction plans for municipal roads very soon, a spokesperson said Wednesday.

Lost and found

Calgary Transit drivers come to the rescue after a commuter new to the city loses her wallet containing over \$1,400

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Conscience rights

Wildrose's Smith says she would set up a "conscience" court, but dodges questions on her personal beliefs

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Calgary Board of Education

Parents debate user-fee model used by other school boards

Anticipated moves by Calgary's public school board toward a user-pay fee model will bring it more in line with Alberta's other major education bodies.

The Calgary Board of Education does not currently charge families for noon-hour supervision if they already pay busing fees — something a majority of parents deemed unfair during recent public consultations.

It is expected the board will return later this month with a model that see the two fees offered exclusive of each other — a practice already utilized by both Edmonton's public board and the Calgary Catholic School District.

However, some families already using the bus have complained the new fee model will likely see their annual bill rise, but Edmonton public board chair Dave Colburn said fee increases are not exclusive to Calgary.

"Transportation fees have absolutely increased . . . in terms of lunch-room fees, I would think the same principle of increased labour costs would lead to increased costs being passed along," said Colburn, who has sat on the board for eight years.

Robert Hurdman, president of the Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils, encouraged parents who are concerned about fees to consult with their principal.

"They generally are very open with parents," he said. "They will help you understand why you're paying what you are."

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Metro plotted the top 10 zones with the highest number of parking tags handed out. To view the interactive map online visit metronews.ca.

Parking alerts to target problem areas

Cell account.

The Calgary Parking Authority will be encouraging drivers to sign up for a mobile ParkPlus account



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Cellphones could be key to reducing the number of tickets issued in the downtown areas that currently have the highest rates of ticketing, says the Calgary

Compliance

"Our goal is compliance and the reminder system through (cellphones) is the most effective way for people."

Troy McLeod, Calgary Parking Authority

Parking Authority.

All of the top 10 zones with the highest number of parking tickets issued in 2011 were in the downtown core and one spot in Kensington, according to data released to Metro by the CPA.

It will be those areas that CPA manager Troy McLeod says will be targeted by a

campaign later this month encouraging people to sign up for a ParkPlus mobile account.

"Where we end up getting the highest number of tags is typically where there is just a high demand for parking," said McLeod.

Last year, the zone with the highest number of tickets (1210 tickets) was lo-

cated on 16 Avenue S.W. between 9th and 10th streets.

Similarly, 1201 tickets were issued just one block away at 16 Avenue S.W. between 8th and 9th Streets.

On Kensington Crescent N.W. south of 11 Street, 1204 tickets were handed out.

McLeod says encouraging drivers to sign up for a mobile account not only increases convenience, but sends reminders to drivers about expiring times, which can prevent ticketing.

"Our goal is compliance and the reminder system through cell is the most effective way for people."

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On the web

Finally, as promised: Flying cars

A Terrafugia Inc. prototype flying car has completed its first flight, bringing the company closer to its goal of selling the airborne vehicles within the year. Watch the car-plane in action at metronews.ca

Keeping you safe online

A made-in-Canada solution to vulnerable surfing gives peace of mind to public Wi-Fi users. For the full story see metronews.ca

Mobile news



Sparks fly on Twitter between Ben Mulroney and a former chief of staff to his father after Norman Spector muses about whether Mulroney's Progressive Conservatives and Jean Chrétien's Liberals cut a quiet deal. Scan for the story.

For some women in this city the choice between a roof and putting food on the table is a reality.



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New Calgarians reunited with lost wallet full of cash

Sigh of relief. Calgary Transit drivers safely return more than \$1,000 cash to Bolivian couple new to city

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It was a return trip for over a thousand dollars, courtesy of Calgary Transit drivers.

Maria Castedo lost her wallet on a city transit bus on Monday evening, and became frantic since the wallet contained over \$1,400.

Castedo and her husband Carlos Viera, both originally from Bolivia, had only been in Calgary for two weeks.

The couple had planned on making a trip to the bank Monday to deposit the cash, but were forced to hang onto it another day, after finding out the banks were closed.

"She became desperate and sick, and I told her it will appear," said Viera.

Castedo became very emotional when she noticed the wallet was missing, and believed there was little hope of it turning up.

Stroke of luck

- **Deposit.** The couple had taken the cash out of their Bolivian bank account, and they were planning on depositing it into a new Canadian account.

- **Lost cash.** If they had lost the cash in Bolivia, the couple said they would have never seen it again.

"I started crying, we needed all the money," said Castedo.

After Castedo believed the money was gone for good, Calgary Transit drivers Jack Wyse and Sultan Yusofi saved the day by returning the wallet to her safely, with all of the cash inside.

Wyse said they just wanted to get the wallet back in the hands of the rightful owner, knowing the owner would be without a substantial amount of cash.

Castedo was grateful for the effort. "I am so happy and I appreciate all the people who helped. I feel very happy and emotional and I appreciate everything they did for me, thank you," she said.



Maria Castedo, right, thanks Calgary Transit driver Jack Wyse for returning her lost wallet, with all of her cash still inside. MEGAN MAHONEY/FOR METRO

Robbery suspect's arrest leads to teen's safe return



Insp. Frank Smart addresses the media on the apprehending of Tyler Darrell Leeder. ERIC FRASER/FOR METRO

A Coaldale family is relieved that a teen member of their family is safe after being on the run with a man wanted in connection with a string of crimes.

Tyler Darrell Leeder was arrested early Wednesday after surrendering to police outside a Rocky Mountain House hotel. Leeder was wanted for a string of bank robberies across the Prairies and in connection with

the smashing of a police car north of Calgary this week.

Eve, the great-aunt of Leeder's 17-year-old female companion, is happy her niece is no longer travelling with Leeder.

"We are really relieved, we didn't know what he could do to her, being 10 years older than her," Eve said.

According to Insp. Frank Smart, the RCMP were tracking Leeder since April 1, when he

allegedly rammed his pickup truck into a police cruiser in Irricana. "Within eight minutes of receiving the tip, RCMP were able to locate the vehicle parked in the hotel that was involved in the original Irricana incident," Smart said.

The minor accompanying Leeder was apprehended just outside the hotel before RCMP moved in to contain the room. There is no word on whether

she will face charges. When the family reported her missing in August of 2010, they knew that she had left to be with Leeder. "There are so many emotions right now," Eve said. "Mad, relieved, so pissed off you don't know what to do."

Leeder is in custody and will await court appearances for armed robbery and other offences.

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Killam. Gun recovered in Mounties' attempted murder

The RCMP have recovered a partially loaded rifle in their investigation into the attempted murder of two Alberta Mounties.

The weapon, described as a semi-automatic 556 mm Colt Law Enforcement Carbine, was found on a rural property southeast of Killam, Alta., based on an anonymous tip.

It is registered to Sawyer Clarke Robison, who faces attempted murder and 13 weapons charges.

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Sawyer Clarke Robison
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Cayley

One dead after Highway 2 car crash

One person died after a two-car collision on Highway 2 south of Cayley, RCMP said.

According to RCMP, the crash happened around 1 p.m. Wednesday, and upon arrival one of the occupants was declared dead at the scene.

Traffic was rerouted in the area, and investigators had few other details. METRO

STARS

Air ambulance announces new CEO

STARS air ambulance will have a new face steering things after long-time leader and founder, Dr. Gregory Powell, moves on after 25 years.

Taking over for Powell as CEO is Andrea Robertson, the current president and COO. Robertson joined STARS in 2011 and has served in a variety of health-care leadership roles, the organization said Wednesday. METRO

Attempted abduction. Police say girl did the right thing

Police say a young girl who kicked and screamed during an alleged attempted abduction did the right thing.

On Tuesday around 6 p.m., a nine-year-old and 10-year-old girl were walking in the community of Killarney on the 3400 block of 28 Avenue S.W., when a man got out of his gold or beige four-door vehicle and walked up behind and allegedly grabbed the nine-year-old and lifted her off the ground as she began to fight back, kicking

and screaming.

"She absolutely did the right thing," said Duty Insp. Paul Stacey.

The suspect is described as white, in his 20s, around six-foot-tall, with a slender build, brown hair and brown eyes.

He was wearing a T-shirt with a small Calgary Flames logo on the upper chest, as well as beige pants and black shoes.

Those with information are asked to call 403-266-1234.

KATIE TURNER/METRO



Mayor Naheed Nenshi, along with Michael Green, left, of Calgary 2012 and Ronnie King of the Calgary band The Stampeders, pose for a photo Wednesday. The Stampeders' song Sweet City Woman is the theme song for Calgary 2012. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Culture unveiled for upcoming year

Year of Calgary.

Organization aims to include all Calgarians in cultural events over the upcoming year



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The year of celebrating Calgary has officially begun.

As of April 1, Calgary began its year-long reign as

Culture capital

"2012 is Calgary's year and it will continue to be a great year for all of us."

Mayor Naheed Nenshi

the Cultural Capital of Canada and the group in charge says it's going to be a jam-packed, exciting 12 months.

Calgary 2012 executive director Karen Ball said the work started more than a year ago when 5,000 Calgarians were surveyed about how they wanted to celebrate.

"I would say that we're just getting started because the real work is now to celebrate and that's [going] to take every Calgarian to come forward and play a role," said Ball.

To date, there are more than 350 Calgarians signed up as volunteer cultural ambassadors and 75 new pro-

jects on the docket for the 2012 Cultural Capital year.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi, who was involved in the arts community before taking the mayor's chair, said that creating community around culture is key to attracting people to Calgary.

"The reason that it's so important is because it's a really important part of our economic development here in the city," said Nenshi.

"2012 is Calgary's year and it will continue to be a great year for all of us."



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Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith makes a campaign stop near Cremona this week. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wildrose would set up 'conscience' court

Conscience. Wildrose leader evades personal-belief questions

Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith won't say where she stands on the controversial issue of conscience rights, but says her party would set up a court system to handle complaints.

Smith says her party believes that when conscience

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"I am fundamentally a populist. I fundamentally believe that Albertans should decide the direction of the province."

Danielle Smith, Wildrose leader, on conscience rights

rights come into conflict with other rights, they need to be resolved by judges and lawyers examining evidence.

Conscience rights include allowing physicians and marriage commissioners to opt out of performing work they

are morally opposed to, such as performing abortions or marrying same-sex couples.

Smith says if her party wins in the April 23 election, she will set up a separate division of the provincial court to resolve complaints from

people denied service on those grounds.

Conscience rights were a heated issue in Saskatchewan last year, when its high court ruled that a marriage commissioner did not have the right to opt out of marrying gays for religious reasons.

Smith was asked twice by reporters what her personal beliefs are, but declined to answer, saying only that she takes her "marching orders" from her party and from Albertans. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Meet and greet. Calgary-Acadia candidates

Nicole Hankel: Liberal



An entrepreneur, Nicole Hankel started and ran a publishing company in Calgary for 16 years, and was also the owner/operator of a printing company for nine years.

Nick Lepora: NDP



Nick Lepora was born and raised in the U.K., where he apprenticed in graphic arts at Cambridge University Press. Since 1990, he has been active in union affairs and served as vice-president at his local as well as president of the Calgary and District Labour Council.

Jonathan Denis: PC



Jonathan Denis previously served as minister of housing and urban affairs (2010-11) and parliamentary assistant for energy (2009). In 2009, he was appointed Queen's Counsel of Alberta.

Richard Jones: Wildrose



Richard Jones was raised in south Calgary and attended Lord Beaverbrook High School before graduating from the University of Calgary. As a lawyer, he has stood up for small business, property rights and justice reform.

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Pledge 2: A \$250 reduction in post-secondary tuition per student immediately (269,993 students enrolled in 2010-11), eventually phasing out tuition by 2025.

New Democrats

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Pledge 1: Set aside almost \$1 billion for the Heritage Savings Fund.

Pledge 2: Reinvest the \$400 million remaining in the Carbon Capture and Sequestration Fund in other projects with more immediate impact.

Progressive Conservatives

\$1.2B

Pledge 1: \$1.2 billion to build 50 new schools and revitalized 70 communities throughout the province.

Premier Alison Redford also plans to put \$19.2 million into local medical education and \$24 million into a seniors activity tax credit.

Wildrose

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Pledge 1: Dani-dollars: Through its Alberta Energy Dividend, the party plans to give back an estimated \$300 in oil and gas revenues to each Albertan by 2015, a promise equalling about \$1 billion.

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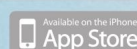
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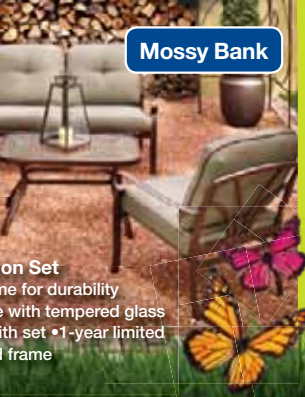
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Education. Redford says her party would build fifty new schools

Alberta Premier Alison Redford says her government will spend \$2.4 billion dollars beginning next year to build 50 new schools and upgrade 70 more.

Redford told reporters in Calgary that quality public education requires quality facilities. She said the program would begin in 2013. **METRO**



PC leader Allison Redford.

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Animal farm. Grazing horses and cows found in southwest backyard

Horses, cows and baby calves created a handful for Calgary police, after they turned up in a southwest backyard Wednesday morning.

The animals were found grazing behind two homes in the 50 block of Westford Crescent S.W., according to police Insp. Paul Stacey.

"Somebody got some free fertilization on their lawn

I think," he added with a chuckle. "This is the first time we have had a call like this in this area as far as I can tell."

Stacey said it's likely the animals breached a gate on nearby farmland and went for an early-morning stroll. He said typically the farming community offers to help return the animals to their rightful owners in situations like these. **METRO**

Gas price spike may change commuting habits for Calgarians

Rising costs. Gas prices at roughly \$1.20 at the pumps Wednesday — and they are only expected to rise



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Officials are preparing for a spike in public transit and carpooling use as gas prices continue to soar.

With gas prices hovering around \$1.20 at the pumps Wednesday and projections that they will continue to rise into the summer, Carpooling.ca's Anne Marie Thornton said they are expecting to see parallel increases.

"Whenever there's a bit of a jump we see people registering because they think they're not going to be able to afford to drive," she said, adding the number of people registering on the site has been climbing since January.

Calgary Transit also sees ridership rise in conjunction

Carpooling

- Around 3,000 Calgarians are registered on Carpooling.ca
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with gas prices, according to spokesperson Ron Collins, which bodes well for them as diesel prices increase transit's operating costs.

"When you see gas at \$1.22 per litre, people might tend to leave their cars at home and use public transit which is more affordable," he said.

At least one Calgarian isn't willing to forgo his vehicle.

"Nobody ever likes to pay the prices," said Patrick McGovern. "It means work for me, so it's a necessary evil."

Thornton said even carpooling one or two days a week could cut down on costs.



Patrick McGovern pumps gas at a northeast Petro Canada station Wednesday. ERIC FRASER/FOR METRO

In-depth look at treatment on site

Hospital patients facing major surgery are now just a click away from the treatment records for Calgary's three major health-care facilities and others across the country.

The new interactive tool launched Wednesday comes courtesy of the Canadian

Institute of Health Information (CIHI) and provides 21 clinical and nine financial indicators for public viewing.

"Health-care in Canada is a publicly-funded industry and it's very important that Canadians have an understanding of how their hos-

pitals are performing and be able to have conversations about health-care performance in general," said Kira Leeb, director of health system performance for CIHI.

As an example of the information provided, the Foothills Medical Centre was found to rank above the

national average in terms of patient safety for things like hip replacements and vaginal birth delivery but below average when it comes to mortality rate for patients that suffered a stroke.

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Space enthusiast James Durbano poses at Telus Spark where he works as an educator. Durbano is hoping to win Metro's Race for Space contest. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Race for Space puts Alberta man over the moon

Metro's contest. After trading his baseball glove for a telescope as a kid, space has become James Durbano's life



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Space isn't just an interest for James Durbano, it's his life.

What started out as a hobby after he traded his

baseball glove for an old telescope as a kid quickly became a career for the High River resident.

Durbano holds an astronomy degree as well as a teaching degree and now carts around a mobile planetarium educating young children about space at schools and Telus Spark.

"If it's astronomy-related I'm down, I'm there, I want to be part of it," said the self-proclaimed science educator.

In 2008, Durbano was one of more than 5,000 applicants to apply to be an

astronaut for the Canadian Space Agency and was turned down.

After learning of Metro's Race for Space contest, which will send one reader rocketing upwards, Durbano said he felt like this was a second shot.

"A trip in to space, or at least to the very edge of it, how could I pass that up?" he said.

Durbano has been actively campaigning for votes to propel him to the top of the list of Canadians who have applied for the contest, even

On the web

- Durbano's website and a link to his Metro profile is on offtheplanet.ca.
- For more information about Metro's Race for Space contest, visit metroinspace.com.

launching a website.

"Yes, it is a lifelong dream, but it's also what I do," he said. "Everyday I'm teaching people about the sky."

Privacy commissioner to investigate Edmonton police-warrant project

The provincial government will examine a project by the Edmonton Police Service that advertises residents with outstanding warrants for their arrest.

Alberta Information and Privacy Commissioner Jill Clayton has launched an investigation into EPS' Project OWE to ensure it complies with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Act (FOIP).

The investigation will look at the purpose and intent of the campaign, examine the management of personal information by EPS and the measures the police take to protect personal information.

If necessary, the investigation will also make recommendations to ensure Project OWE complies with FOIP.

The investigation comes

on the heels of EPS publishing the name and information of a 16-year-old in Edmonton newspapers, contrary to the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

"This was absolutely unacceptable for the Edmonton Police Service, and for this we sincerely apologize to the youth, the family and Edmontonians," Edmonton police Chief Rod Knecht said Tuesday. **METRO**



Edmonton police Chief Rod Knecht
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School helping new voters make their mark

Bow Valley. Info sessions educating immigrants on electoral system

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New Canadians who are preparing to vote for the first time in Alberta's provincial election learned all about the electoral process Wednesday at Bow Valley College.

Bow Valley is currently holding educational sessions in collaboration with Elections Alberta to help students become more informed.

Danielle St. Jules is an instructor at Bow Valley who teaches ESL students about Canada's electoral system. "We work with learners

and support them with language acquisition, and we teach them to become engaged in the community," she said.

Sandra Nketia, 21, is originally from Ghana and feeling some anxiety about her first time voting.

"I'm very nervous, but as a woman other people have fought for my rights, and I think it's important to appreciate that," she said.

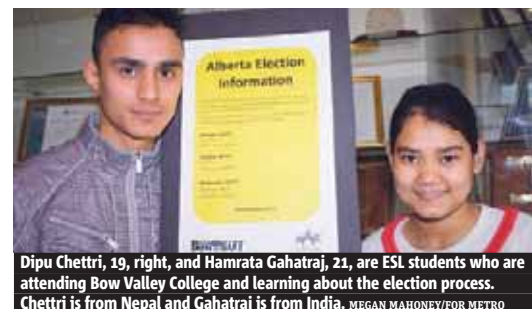
Zaki Safi, 23, was born

in Afghanistan and is looking forward to voting in the provincial election.

"It's always important to vote, and if you are a Canadian citizen it's your obligation," Safi said.

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Dipu Chettri, 19, right, and Hamrata Gahatraj, 21, are ESL students who are attending Bow Valley College and learning about the election process. Chettri is from Nepal and Gahatraj is from India. MEGAN MAHONEY/FOR METRO

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Drunk driving. Totalled truck a grim warning

The Calgary Police Service put on a graphic visual display Wednesday in front of Bow Valley College to raise awareness of the dangers of impaired driving.

A demolished yellow truck sat in front of the college, along with a Calgary police Checkstop vehicle, as a strong reminder to students of the perils of getting behind the wheel while under the influence.

Const. Mike Hagen said the truck is a great visual aid for students.

"The crash trailer is great for students to see, as the driver of that truck was impaired and unfortunately died at the scene."

The CPS tows the truck

around to different post-secondary institutions and high schools around graduation time to remind students of the repercussions of drinking and driving.

"We actually had some people come and say they were charged with impaired driving 10 years ago and they haven't drank since," Hagen said.

Police are reminding everyone to make good use of cabs and transit if they plan on drinking.

"A lot of people who come on the Checkstop bus can relate to incidents like this, and we hope that they pass on the message to their kids."

MEGAN MAHONEY/FOR METRO



The Calgary Police Service used this demolished yellow truck driven by a man who died two years ago in a collision to illustrate the dangers of impaired driving. MEGAN MAHONEY/FOR METRO

Crime

Child sex-assault suspect faces return to Canada

A former Alberta man living in Greece is being extradited to Canada to face charges of sexual assault and sexual interference.

In February, police in Taber laid the charges against 50-year-old Jordan VanVoorthuizen.

The charges stem from alleged incidents that occurred between 1995 and 2001 in Taber on children under 16 years old.

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Collision

Person lands in hospital after crash sends car into garage

One patient was taken to hospital by EMS and the Calgary Fire Department's heavy-rescue team was left to secure a garage in the 1000 block of Tuscany Drive Northwest Wednesday, after a two-car crash sent one vehicle careening into the structure.

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Job loss. Defence funding takes a hit in the budget

The axe is beginning to fall on jobs across the public service, with the Defence Department among the first to report losses.

Union president John MacLennan says everything from research and development to food services is on the chopping block. But the government has also committed to keeping the regular and reserve fighting force intact.

"If the government is not going to cut the size of the military or close any bases, who is going to do all the work?" MacLennan asked.

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Losses

The Defence Department took a hit in last week's budget, as they need to cut \$1.1 billion over three years

- **Cuts.** The Union of National Defence Employees says roughly 1,100 civilian positions are being eliminated
- **Still reeling.** Public Service Alliance of Canada says 9,700 positions were lost as a result of a budget freeze in 2010

Rafferty trial

Painstaking hunt for Tori, court told

It was possibly the most exhaustive missing-person search in Canadian history, but police found where Victoria Stafford, snatched outside her elementary school, had been buried, court heard Wednesday.

Officers went to remarkable lengths to find eight-year-

old Tori, logging more than 18,000 kilometres in their search for the girl herself.

"Literally, we went one and a half times around the moon," Sgt. John Stirling, co-ordinator for the Ontario Provincial Police's search-and-rescue operations, testified. Stirling told the trial of Michael Rafferty — who's denied kidnapping, sexually assaulting and killing the Grade 3 student — about search on foot, in cruisers, on ATVs and even under-water.

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Rae calls for PM's resignation over stealth-fighter fiasco

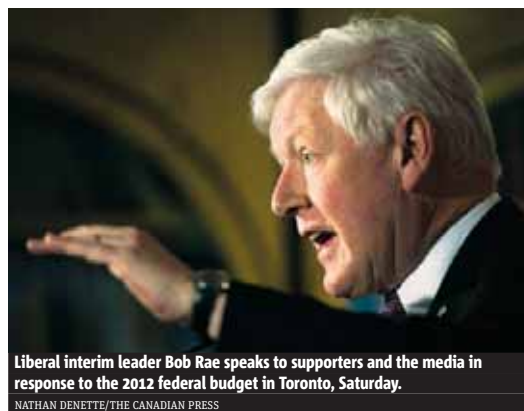
All-out attack. Interim Liberal leader slams Harper after scathing auditor general report concludes manipulation

Bob Rae is laying the blame for the stealth-fighter controversy squarely on Stephen Harper — and he's demanding the prime minister's resignation.

The interim Liberal leader says Harper "lied" to Canadians during last May's election about having contractual protection against skyrocketing costs for the F-35 jets.

And he says Harper deliberately misled Parliament as well.

Rae's all-out attack on Harper follows a scathing report by auditor general Michael Ferguson, who concluded that the National Defence Department manipulated the process, low-balled cost estimates and kept Parliament in the dark to



Liberal interim leader Bob Rae speaks to supporters and the media in response to the 2012 federal budget in Toronto, Saturday.

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ensure it got the fighter jets it wanted.

Rae says it's simply not credible for Harper, a reputed control freak who micromanages every aspect of his government, to claim he was unaware of the problems.

He notes that the Congressional Budget Office in the

U.S. and Canada's parliamentary budget officer, Kevin Page, pegged the costs at billions more than the \$9 billion touted by the Harper government.

"He cannot now pretend that he was just the piano player in the brothel who didn't have a clue as to what was really going on upstairs." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec protest

Tuition hikes nearly cause riot

Montreal police arrested dozens of student protesters Wednesday morning after a group of demonstrators stormed the city's upscale Queen Elizabeth Hotel and a downtown shopping mall.

Police say they were called to the hotel after demonstrators started flipping tables and smashing dishes inside the building where John Lennon and Yoko Ono staged their famous bed-in for peace.

Quebec students have been holding regular demonstrations across the province for weeks to voice their opposition to the government's plan to hike tuition fees.

Montreal police dispersed the crowd at the hotel — but they say some demonstrators headed straight for the nearby Centre Eaton shopping mall.

Police say officers pursued the protesters through the mall where display cases were knocked over and items were broke. They say they eventually caught up to some of the demonstrators and made around 60 arrests. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Miss Universe. Woman born a male may have started a trend: Trump

A Canadian woman barred from the Miss Universe pageant because she was born a male has been given the thumbs-up to participate in the contest.

And there's a suggestion that her case might allow others like her to take part in future.

Donald Trump, who runs the Miss Universe Organization, has confirmed that Jenna Talackova can compete to represent her country in the pageant and he wished her luck in her quest for the crown.

Talackova, from Vancouver, had said she was devastated when she was originally told she'd be excluded for not being a "natural born woman."

Trump told ABC's Good Morning America Wednesday that Talackova's case may open up the contest to other transgender hopefuls.

"Probably, we'll have to open it up from that standpoint," he said.

Trump added that his pageant had followed the appropriate Canadian and U.S. laws in deciding the matter.



Jenna Talackova's passport, birth certificate and drivers licence say she's a woman, her lawyer says. REED SAXON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"The laws are very clear. So, based on that about two days ago, we decided to let her compete and we hope she does well," he said.

Talackova had gender-reassignment surgery when she was 19.

She says she knew as young as four that she was a female.

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Welcome to the island of goddesses

An artist performs during the unveiling of Cirque du Soleil's new show, Amaluna, in Montreal on Wednesday. Amaluna invites the audience to a mysterious island governed by goddesses and guided by the cycles of the moon. And, oh yes, there's a poignant love story involved. The show opens in Montreal on April 19 and travels later to Quebec City, Toronto and Vancouver. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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20 years later, Miss Besieged Sarajevo looks back on win

Symbol of resistance.

Inela Nogic recalls the 1993 beauty pageant that defied the Serb siege of Sarajevo

Cry for help

"This was another outcry to draw attention and have someone do something. We just wanted this war to end."

Inela Nogic

It was not the typical wish of a beauty queen.

Instead of asking for "world peace" as she was crowned Miss Besieged Sarajevo in 1993, 17-year-old Inela Nogic unfolded a banner that read: "Don't let them kill us."

The war-defying pageant reflected the character of the 380,000 people who lived in Sarajevo then, residents trying to continue normal city life despite daily shelling and sniper fire under the almost four-year-long military siege by Bosnian Serbs that started in 1992.

Now she is a mother of two who lives in the Netherlands and often visits her parents in Sarajevo.

This week, for the first time in two decades, she climbed again onto the stage where she once became one of Sarajevo's most electric symbols of resistance.

"Oh my God, how weird," she said, covering her face with her hands and trying to hold back the tears.

Last time she was here, she braved shells and snipers just to get to the contest and then to get home with her crown.

"It was a crazy thing to do during a war. But we tried to live a normal life. It was some kind of a defence mechanism we all had," Nogic said.

What Sarajevo residents really wanted was an end to the death and destruction, the restoration of electricity, water and heating, a halt to the 330 shells smashing into the city each day. More than 11,500 civilians in what is now the Bosnian capital were killed from April 1992 until March 1996, including some 1,600 children.

Defying the siege, residents organized musicals and film screenings in basements, trying to prove to themselves and the rest of the world that they were "indestructible," according to the organizers of the bizarre beauty pageant.

So with a sound system blaring Eve of Destruction, Nogic and 12 other teenagers — some with shrapnel scars on their slender legs — took to the stage to vie for the title of Miss Besieged Sarajevo.

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Top: In this May 29, 1993, file photo, Inela Nogic, 17, reacts after winning the Miss Besieged Sarajevo contest in Sarajevo. Bottom: On March 16, 2012, Nogic visits the venue where she was crowned 20 years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Miss Sarajevo

Nogic's magical smile and the famous banner inspired the Irish rock group U2 to create a song devoted to her and her city — "Miss Sarajevo" — which they often performed with opera star Luciano Pavarotti.

- At a U2 concert in Sarajevo in 1997, two years after the war ended, frontman Bono led Nogic by the hand to the stage as he sang, "Here she comes, heads turn around,

here she comes, to take her crown."

- To this day, the image of an endearing 17-year-old unfolding the historic banner is part of almost every video made about besieged Sarajevo. "Mom made me take part in the contest," Nogic said, adding that she never expected anything from it. "It took me a long time to realize I became a symbol."

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A tornado's legacy: Overturned cars litter streets in Lancaster, Texas, on Wednesday. ROBERT RAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twisters cut swath of fear

A dozen tornadoes. 650 homes damaged, 500 flights grounded in shocking start to Texas storm season

About 500 flights were grounded Wednesday at one of the busiest U.S. airports after as many as a dozen tor-

nadoes tore through northern Texas.

Thousands were left without power and hundreds of homes were pummeled.

The Red Cross estimated that 650 homes were damaged.

Hundreds of flights into and out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Dallas Love Field were cancelled or diverted to other destinations.

In one industrial section of Dallas, rows of empty tractor-trailers, crumpled up like soda cans, littered a parking lot.

In Lancaster, television helicopters panned over exposed homes without roofs and flattened buildings.

Utility officials said nearly 14,000 homes and businesses, mainly in the Arlington area, still had no electricity early Wednesday.

In Arlington, a tornado hurtled toward a nursing home.

Physical therapist Patti Gilroy said she saw the swirling mass barreling down through the back door, after herding patients into the hallway in the order trained: walkers, wheelchairs, then beds.

"It sounded like a bomb hit," Gilroy added.

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Climate. Spikes in CO₂ thawed ice age and may be a menace today: Study

The dramatic temperature increases that thawed the last ice age followed spikes in carbon dioxide levels in the air, a new study finds.

Researchers say that further strengthens the scientific case explaining current man-made global warming.

In the new study, scientists show the atmospheric concentration of that heat-trapping greenhouse gas jumped more than 40 per cent.

Then global temperatures went up about 6 F (3.5 C).

A study published Wednesday in the journal *Nature* estimated global temperatures using ice and mud samples from dozens of places around the world and found that globally, temperatures clearly went up only after carbon dioxide jumped.

"This, to me, seems like pretty powerful proof ... of the connection between greenhouse gases and global warming," said study lead author Jeremy Shankun of Harvard University.

There are two main sources of carbon dioxide, the chief greenhouse gas.

The natural source comes mostly from dead plants and

The evidence?

6,000

Carbon dioxide levels have jumped roughly the same amount in the last century as they did over 6,000 years to get out of the ice age, said study lead author Jeremy Shankun.

animals and that amplified the ice age thaw.

Today, emissions from burning coal, oil and other fossil fuels add greatly to natural carbon dioxide.

The ice sheet in the last ice age was actually so large that it was unstable, said study co-author Peter Clark of Oregon State University.

The initial trigger to the melt: A small and predictable wobble in Earth's orbit around the sun.

That tiny wobble meant a tilt toward the sun that brought more sunlight in the Northern Hemisphere.

This increase of sunshine caused the ice sheets to melt and sent whopping levels of fresh water into the oceans of the world.

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Spring storms

Ship hits rocks as Britain shivers

Seven crew members were rescued from a cargo ship that ran aground during gales near Colwyn Bay, north Wales.

Meanwhile, thousands of people were without electricity Wednesday as snow and heavy winds lashed many parts of Britain. Twenty centimetres of snow fell in the north.

The Antigua-registered ship *Carrier* hit rocks near Colwyn Bay. Two rescue helicopters lifted the seven Polish crew members to safety. Experts were trying Wednesday to refloat the 82-metre vessel.

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Spring storms

Typhoon-like winds kill four

A powerful storm with typhoon-strength winds and heavy rain halted planes and trains in Tokyo and killed four people around the country.

Winds of more than 144 kilometres an hour were recorded as the storm swept across Japan's main island of Honshu.

Police reported the four deaths: two people killed in warehouse collapses, an elderly man who fell off a roof and a woman crushed by a falling tree. Hundreds more were injured.

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Canada's polar bears alive and kicking

Study. A new survey reveals Canadian polar bears are surviving climate change better than predicted

Nunavut says a new survey shows Canada's polar bear population hasn't significantly declined in the last seven years as predicted and that the iconic

mammal has not been hurt by climate change.

An aerial survey done in August by the Nunavut government, in response to pressure from Inuit, estimated the western Hudson Bay bear population at around 1,000.

That's about the same number of bears found in a more detailed study done in 2004. That study, which physically tagged the bears, predicted the number would decline to about 650

Climate change

"It is not a crisis situation as a lot of people would like the world to believe"

Drikus Gissing, Nunavut's director of wildlife management

by 2011.

Last year's survey found fewer cubs — about 50 — than in previous years, but officials

say the new figures show the "doom-and-gloom" predictions of environmentalists about the demise of the polar bear have failed to come true.

"People have tried to use the polar bear as a bit of a poster child — it's a beautiful animal and it grabs the attention of the public — to make people aware of the impact of climate change," said Drikus Gissing, Nunavut's director of wildlife management. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



A polar bear mother and her two cubs walk along the shore of Hudson Bay near Churchill, Man. in this file photo. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Blaze

House belonging to hoarder goes up in flames

A house fire in Winnipeg's West End kept emergency crews busy Wednesday morning after they had to break through the roof to get to the flames.

Police say the two people who live in the residence were not home at the time and no injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire has been determined to be electrical and damage is estimated at \$100,000. While firefighters fell short of calling the house as belonging to a hoarder, district fire chief Eric Buschu said there were an "excess amount of



Firefighters on the roof of the home Wednesday morning.

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household goods" that prevented firefighters from entering the house.

The house reportedly belonged to a man and his nephew. Neighbours said the man was generous with helping people out and often cashed in his collectibles if someone needed money.

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Pope redefines egg hunting

This picture released by the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano on Wednesday shows Pope Benedict XVI being presented by an Italian chocolate maker with a two-metre chocolate Easter egg, weighting some 250 kilograms prior to his weekly general audience at the Vatican, Wednesday.

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Online. Yahoo announces layoffs in bid to turn company around

In his first three months on the job, Yahoo CEO Scott Thompson has imposed the largest layoffs in the company's 17-year history, reshaped the board of directors, picked a potentially disruptive fight with a major shareholder and sued Facebook for patent infringement.

He says there's even more upheaval to come.

Thompson delivered a painful jolt Wednesday with a payroll purge of about 2,000 workers, or about 14 per cent of Yahoo's 14,100 employees. The cuts will save about \$375 million annually as Yahoo tries to boost its earnings and long-slumping stock price.

More shakeups loom as Thompson reshuffles divisions and considers selling an on-line ad-placement service and other operations that don't fit into his strategy.

The specifics of Thompson's vision are still unclear. In comments to analysts and reporters, he has talked generally about doing a better job of analyzing the data that Yahoo collects about its 700 million monthly visitors. That would help the company sell ads

Payroll purge

2,000

Yahoo announced Wednesday that it would be cutting 2,000 workers, or about 14 per cent of its workforce, the largest layoffs in the company's 17-year history

and develop mobile services to connect with the growing number of people surfing the Web on smartphones and tablet computers.

Once an Internet trendsetter, Yahoo has been outmanoeuvred and outsmarted by Google and Facebook in the race for online advertising. Although Yahoo's website remains a popular destination, people have been spending less time there and dwelling longer on Google services and on Facebook.

That shift has made Yahoo less attractive to advertisers, a problem that has been compounded by the company's inability to target marketing messages at the right audience as precisely as Google and Facebook.

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Banking on big bonuses

National Bank CEO and president Louis Vachon attends the company's annual general meeting in Montreal on Wednesday. An activist group is calling on the bank to change the way it pays its top executives, saying the \$8.4 million in salary and bonuses paid to Vachon last year was "exorbitant." GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CBC slashes jobs in wake of federal budget

Public broadcaster. Facing a \$200-million shortfall, CBC announces major layoffs and potential advertising on radio

Fans of the CBC can expect fewer new shows on television and more ads on radio as the public broadcaster cuts hundreds of jobs in the wake of the federal budget.

News and entertainment will be hit but marquee TV and radio programs, as well as hockey broadcasts, will be protected, CBC officials said Wednesday.

The changes followed the decision by the Conservatives to axe 10 per cent of the broadcaster's budget as part of a government-wide cost-cutting effort.

Government funding makes up about 64 per cent of CBC's budget and the corporation receives about \$1.15 billion a year from tax-

payers.

While the Tories have had a bull's-eye on the corporation for years, CBC President Hubert Lacroix wouldn't say whether he viewed the cuts as political payback.

The public broadcaster expects to lay off more than 650 people over the next three years, with the majority let go this year.

Lacroix says the financial pressure doesn't just come from the federal government cuts. In reality, the CBC faces a \$200-million shortfall, as

Finance fracas

Carney dismisses bankers' concern

Mark Carney is firing back at Canadian bankers for requesting a pause on global financial reforms aimed at averting a repeat of the 2008 global crisis.

The Bank of Canada governor said in an interview with The Canadian Press that reforms should continue until the structural changes needed to eliminate irresponsible risk-taking are completed.

Carney, who has fought resistance to reforms from the U.S. banking community, appeared to have no patience with even mild concerns from Canada's banking sector.

"No one pressed pause in the middle of the financial crisis when \$4 trillion were lost and 28 million jobs were lost, 400,000 here in Canada," he said.

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A new Canadian study is out that shows unhealthy eaters, drinkers, smokers and layabouts die sooner, proving for the first time in a major research paper that major

research papers are useless.

My first reaction is to ask what's new here. It seems like scientists got a research grant, slacked off for a few months with Doritos and Xbox, then realized their deadline had arrived and slapped something together about unhealthy living, their orange fingertips staining the keyboard.

But that's not the main reason health studies like this are useless. No, the big reason is that clearly nobody listens to them.

The study says 60 per cent of all people die because of problems stemming from drinking, smoking and other preventable health issues. Other Canadian deaths are caused by:

- 15 per cent: Run over by a bus while playing Angry Birds.
- 15 per cent: Death by overexposure because 5 C weather in March led them to wear a T-shirt and shorts.
- 10 per cent: Rightly beaten to death for shouting, "Whooh! Party!" on the sidewalk at 4 a.m.

So, any way you look at it, we kind of get what's coming to us. Widespread unhealthiness is why study after study comes out saying the same thing. Because though research papers may be stupid and repetitive, nothing is more stupid and repetitive than the average person.

My solution? So glad you asked. Let's admit our approach is wrong and reverse course. Completely. Let's embrace Death.

I have a cigarette-smoking friend of mine who suggests, tobacco firmly in cheek, that the government should be happy she smokes since people usually die of lung cancer so quickly.

I say she's on to something. If we're all going to be hedonistic dopes — and we are — then let's embrace our early deaths and save on health care. Given government budget problems, I'm sure politicians would be happy if we went so all-in that we moved straight past health-care spending and directly into boost-ing the funeral industry.

I like to imagine Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty getting frustrated as he watches those "Make Death Wait" Heart and Stroke commercials where "Death" blathers on about all the nearby people he's going to kill eventually.

"What are you, a Bond villain?" Dalton yells at the screen. "Shut up and finish the job!"

With my pragmatic approach, we can expect new provincial slogans like: "New Brunswick — The Pitcher Province"; "Yukon — Home of both types of Klondike Bar"; and "Ontario — Smoke 'em if you got 'em."

And we can save researchers and health organizations from the pain of being ignored when they could be trying Blazin' Jalapeno Doritos and learning a new move on NHL '12.

Let's not make Death wait, people. He's a busy man.



It's time to turn the tables, or strollers, and embrace our sluggish ways.

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The newly waxed



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Immortalized

Royals get (wax) seal of approval

MARYLEBONE, LONDON. The moment Prince William and Kate Middleton announced their engagement has been immortalized ... in wax. Madame Tussauds has unveiled waxwork figures of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, adorned in replicas of the outfits they wore at the announcement in November 2010. **METRO**

Frenzy

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Will and Kate after announcing their engagement. GETTY IMAGES

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Richard Crouse got a lot of flack for loving *Wanderlust* — but he's putting it out there again. Go see it if you haven't yet. HANDOUT

See them before they're gone

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Long weekend. Ditch the egg hunts and spring cleaning and check out these films you may have missed over the last little while

Richard: Mark, my four-star review of the movie *Wanderlust* got me the most hate mail I've received since my pan of *The Passion of the Christ*. I should note that for every hateful, name-calling email I received, I also got one thanking me for recommending the film, but WOW did the people who hated the movie ever take it out on me. Having said that, I'm going to invite more invective and recommend it again. Go see it before it leaves the theatres forever. It's a funny, if

quite raunchy, movie.

Mark: I don't know why *Wanderlust* was so pilloried by the critics and so ignored by the audience. Fear of the '60s, perhaps. But like you, I loved it. Let me put in a few kind words about *Salmon Fishing In Yemen*. The title might be off-putting but it's a gentle satire and romance with great performances by Ewan Macgregor and Kristin Scott-Thomas. The visuals are crisp as is the dialogue. You could take your granny to this one but it still has a bit of an edge.

RC: You failed to mention the charming Emily Blunt, who to me, was the reason to see *Salmon Fishing*. On the other end of the scale is *Goon*, a Canadian hockey movie that rivals *Slap Shot* for profanity and sheer bravado. It's a mix

Synopsis

- Long weekends are the perfect time to catch up on all those movies you've been meaning to see but haven't. In this special long weekend column, the Reel Guys suggest some of the best movies to check out this weekend before they leave theatres.

of romance and hockey, but let's be real here; the only love story anyone cared about in this movie was the love of the game.

MB: Didn't see it because I'm not a hockey fan and after *Breakaway* and *Score* I wasn't optimistic. I am a Woody Harrelson fan, though, and *Rampart* is still playing in theatres. More of a character study than a

story, Woody plays the ultimate bad cop as we see his world fall to pieces. Dark, rough, and thoroughly enjoyable.

RC: Wow, your picks are way more heavy-duty than mine. I guess we know who the serious Reel Guy is. My last long weekend pick is *Chronicle*. It's sci fi, which I usually don't care much for, and it is one of those "found footage" films, which I really don't usually care for, but the story of three friends who gain superpowers is original, funny and smart.

MB: I really enjoyed *Chronicle*. A wonderful combination of glorious sci-fi set in the world of totally believable and realistic teens. So I'm in total agreement with you on that one. Of course it's no John Carter. But what is?

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Canada helps create RoboCop statue

Plans are moving forward for a Detroit statue of the fictional crime-fighting cyborg RoboCop. The Detroit News reports Wednesday that a RoboCop model is being scanned at a studio in Canada. When the scanning process is completed, artists will create foam pieces that will be shipped to Detroit's Venus Bronze Works, where the parts of the statue will be cast. Jerry Paffendorf, who is involved in the effort, says the statue "will have a physical, as well as conceptual, origin in Detroit." Location and a completion date are uncertain.

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Comedy



American Reunion

Directors. Jon Hurwitz, Jason Schlossberg

Stars. Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan, Seann William Scott, Eugene Levy

American Reunion has everything you'd expect from an American Pie flick: sex, nudity and the awkward conversations with Jim's dad (Levy). This latest instalment of the Pie franchise centres around the all-important thirteenth high school reunion. The gang is back and ready to party like it's 1999. The nostalgic will enjoy American Reunion — the film exploits every remotely amusing joke from the original.

REGAN REID

Thriller



The Raid: Redemption

Director. Gareth Evans

Stars. Iko Uwais, Ananda George, Ray Sahetapy

An ingeniously shot and edited low-budget thriller, The Raid: Redemption brings Indonesian genre cinema back to life. This Jakarta-set tale of a SWAT team raid gone wrong may be the international action film of the year. Director Gareth Evans stages gunplay and hand-to-hand-combat with the exuberance and élan of a director who loves his material, and the cast — actors, stuntmen and martial artists — tear into their physically demanding roles with relish.

ADAM NAYMAN

If Tim and Eric had a billion dollars...

Tim and Eric's Billion Dollar Movie. The awkwardly comedic duo would spend it on a movie — that lasted only five minutes

HEIDI PATALANO

Metro World News in New York

Tim Heidecker and Eric Wareheim are the masters of anti-humour. Whenever you see a punch line coming, they'll find some way to divert from your expectations. After a decade as a comic duo, and a four-season run with their show on Adult Swim, The Tim and Eric Awesome Show Good Job! the two have made their first feature film, Tim and Eric's Billion Dollar Movie, in which they squander said amount of money on a grandiose five minute movie. Expect the unexpected with these two.



Tim Heidecker and Eric Wareheim HANDOUT

Who gave you permission to make this movie, and did co-star Robert Loggia have anything to do with it?

Heidecker: No, he's just an actor. We got permission from our families. They gave us initial permission and said 'We wish you the best' and sent us on our way and God bless them for doing it, too.

So what do you want me to write about your film?

Wareheim: That we care about our families. They're very close to us. We care about loving them, even if they're going through different things, like if they're gay or have a disease, we'll be with them till the end because we're blood.

Heidecker: I also think, on that note, that obviously this movie isn't going to be for everybody, but if you come to it with an open heart and an open mind, then there's a chance that it's going to get to you. And what's going to happen is you're going to end up laughing and you're going to end up having a good time.

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Thriller pays homage to the horror genre

Cabin in the Woods. Director Drew Goddard talks of his love for the masterminds of fright — and things that go bump in the night

STEVE GOW
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You think you know the story. As the tagline for the new thriller *Cabin in the Woods*, it's a pretty accurate tease. It's also about all that can be said without giving away the film's bizarre plot.

"Here's the most insane version of a horror movie we could possibly come up with so that we could show everyone we love this genre," said filmmaker Drew Goddard of the shocker that hits theatres April 13.

"This is not one of those this-is-so-horrific-it's-going-to-give-you-nightmares horror movies. This is the one where you laugh as much as you scream."

Set up as a typical genre yarn, *Cabin* casts a group of college kids on a weekend getaway to a creepy wilderness cottage. However, once they get there and the zombies rise ... well, it grows even crazier. It's a film that's imbued with Sam Raimi and the spirit of *Evil Dead* — not shocking considering Goddard's idols.

"Certainly the big benchmarks for me were Sam Raimi and John Carpenter as directors — their films are very much in the DNA of *Cabin in the Woods*," said Goddard, who insists the thriller pays homage to all scary movies.

"I love the journey of the horror film. I love seeing where it's been and I love thinking about where it's go-



Cabin in the Woods opens next Friday. HANDOUT

ing."

Goddard can thank the film's co-writer and television guru Joss Whedon (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Angel*) for his directorial debut. One of Whedon's former writers, Goddard credits the upcoming *The Avengers* filmmaker for a smooth transition to the big-screen.

"In the TV world, you're sort of in charge. You're talking to the actors, you're overseeing cuts, you're sort of doing a lot of the things that in the feature world counts as directing," said Goddard. "So I definitely felt I had good practice."

Inside the Cabin

Film is more than just a few scares

Does *Cabin in the Woods* have a deeper meaning? We asked Drew Goddard if there was more to it than just cheap thrills.

"Certainly the questions at the core of *Cabin* are why do we need horror movies," he says.

"Why do we need to

see kids killed on screen that sort of fulfils this primal need in us as a people?"

And Goddard says that in making *Cabin*, he was careful to not get too funny, but balance the scary moments with laughs.

"It was very important that we didn't get into spoof territory because we love the genre and we just wanted to celebrate it," he says.

3D. Theatres head back to the future by cashing in on a new(ish) format

There's a time warp taking place at the multiplex, where past hits have been creeping back onto the big screen in an apparent bid to cash in on audience nostalgia and the 3D craze.

James Cameron's 3D reworking of *Titanic* is just the latest example, but Cameron's hi-tech revisit comes on the heels of George Lucas's 3D revamp of the *Star Wars* franchise, ahead of plans to put Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* in eye-popping 3D.

Of course, the look back is much more than just a trip down memory lane — by most accounts it's all part of Hollywood's attempts to steer audiences towards the promise of 3D, where a movie can be an "event" and ticket prices can command hefty markups, says Jesse Wenthe, programming chief at Toronto's preeminent arthouse theatre, TIFF Bell Lightbox. "For movie marketing people, the idea of selling something people are already familiar with is a pretty old axiom," Wenthe says of the flood of classic releases. "It's why trailers are the way trailers are and why people reference other movies when talking about a new movie.... That's how you ...

3D Summer

- Pretty much every summer tent pole this year is slated to be a 3D release, most of them shot natively in the format. They include Ridley Scott's alien thriller *Prometheus*, the super-hero actioner *The Avengers* and the sci-fi romp *Men in Black III*.

sell people on a new idea."

But purists maintain that only films shot with specialized 3D camera rigs can produce the right optical effects. Common complaints with subpar conversions include a dimmer resolution as well as headaches and eye soreness for viewers.

Canadian director Brad Peyton, who helmed the kid-friendly 3D spectacles *Journey 2: The Mysterious Island* argues that shooting and editing in 3D helps a filmmaker make the best use of a scene's foreground and background. "At its purest form you want the movie to be designed for 3D, you want it to be (3D) from the inception of the idea," says Peyton.

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Jurassic Park is slated to get the 3D treatment. HANDOUT

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Mirror Mirror (G) Bargain Matinee, DTS Digital, Stadium Seating
Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:25
Pina 3D (G) Bargain Matinee, DTS Digital, Stadium Seating
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Wed 1:15-3:50-9:40 Bargain Matinee, DTS Digital, Stadium Seating
Thu 1:15-3:50-9:30
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG) Bargain Matinee, Digital Presentation, DTS Digital, Stadium Seating
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Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-10:30
Titanic 3D (PG) Bargain Matinee, DTS Digital, Stadium Seating
Fri-Thu 12:35-4:40-9
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Tue-Thu 4:30-5:40-7:40
Mirror Mirror (G) Digital Presentation
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Sound Check

The mystery of the giant hole



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Here is a fundamental question that every vinyl lover has asked: why is the hole of a 7-inch single so big?

For the first 50 years of the turntable's existence, the spindle on which you placed the record, was a standard size: approximately .283 inches.

That was also the size of the hole drilled into all records.

When Columbia Records introduced the 33 1/3 RPM long-playing album in 1948, they kept the hole in the center the same size.

However, Columbia's archival, RCA, was most annoyed at this new format.

Rather than licence Columbia's technology for their releases, RCA introduced their own new record, the 7-inch single that spun at 45 RPM and had a center hole that measured 1.5-inches in diameter.

Why would they do something like that? Two reasons.

While the LP promised up to 22 minutes of uninterrupted music per side, RCA's crowed that their 45s could be stacked on the special tall, fat spindle — about six-inches high — that was exclusive to RCA-manufactured turntables.

Once a side of a 45 finished playing after five or six minutes, the tone arm moved away long enough

for the record to drop down onto the platter.

The tone arm then swung back into place and the music would continue.

With the ability to stack up to ten 45s on the RCA spindle, it was theoretically possible for the music to continue for a full hour without human intervention.

RCA wanted their new format to crush Columbia's LPs, so they began selling turntables that could only play 45s.

The thinking was that once someone bought one of these turntables with the fat spindles, they were theoretically locked into buying music in that format from then on. It was just like the future VHS/Beta and Blu-ray/HD-Video wars. But there was a more scientific reason for the larger hole.

When a new 45 dropped from the spindle onto the turntable, it was required to spin up from a dead stop to 45 RPM very quickly.

This torque tended to cause the small holes to go out-of-round very quickly, causing record to wobble as it spun.

The larger hole allowed the sudden rotational force to be distributed over a longer path — pix 1.5 = about 4.712 inches — reducing wear and allowing the hole to stay round longer.

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Of Monsters and Men: You are what you sing

Music scene.

The latest Nordic buzz band is riding a wave since their SXSW breakthrough show

CHRIS LEO PALERMINO
Metro World News

For a country with half the population of Center City, Iceland sure has a diverse music scene.

Of Monsters and Men, the latest export from the Nordic nation, were one of the most talked about bands at last month's SXSW. The sextet from Reykjavik hit the U.S. airwaves running when they performed their hit single Little Talks on Seattle radio station KEXP during Iceland Airwaves, their premiere music festival.

"We didn't know what radio station it was. They came to my apartment (to record). We definitely didn't think it would turn out so big," says co-singer and guitarist Ragnar Þórhallsson.

Since then, the orchestral

Quote

"We want to have fun on stage. The energy and the songs come from being a group."

Ragnar Þórhallsson
Talking about why they're successful



Of Monsters and Men has been making waves since SXSW. HANDOUT

indie pop song has nearly a million plays on YouTube.

The name Of Monsters and Men refers to the topics of their songs, which range from, well, monsters to men.

"Jurassic Park was my favourite film as a child. You grow up listening to a lot of Icelandic fantasy stories," says Þórhallsson. "That plays a part in what we're doing."

The group of friends channel the energy of contemporary folk rock groups such as Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros and Mumford & Sons.

"We want to have fun on stage. The energy and the songs come from being a group — everyone is singing along and having fun," says Þórhallsson.

Their infectious energy has crossed international borders, playing into ecstatic American crowds.

"Americans are very open and welcoming in every city. They want to meet us and shake our hands. It's different from Iceland, where everyone is closed. ... And we don't let anyone in," Þórhallsson observes.

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The book has Dratch feeling "a little exposed." GETTY IMAGES

Rachel Dratch walks into a bar ... and comes out with a book

Tales to tell. From her Debbie Downer days on SNL to her unexpected life as a single mom

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You may know Rachel Dratch as Debbie Downer from her stint on Saturday Night Live or for her cameos on 30 Rock, but the 46-year-old comedian has more stories to tell than the standard ex-SNL-er's behind-the-scenes yarns.

"It all started because I

wasn't getting acting jobs, basically," Dratch says dryly when asked about how she began to write her memoir, *Girl Walks Into a Bar*. The actress, having parted with SNL in 2006 after seven years, had first decided to write a book about her dating experiences in New York City, having been courted by all manner of strange men — including one particular gem who had an interest in consuming horse meat. But then something unexpected happened.

"There was this crazy twist that happened in my life and I thought maybe I should start writing about this," she says. Dratch, at 43 years old, after having giving up on the

idea of being married with kids someday, unexpectedly got pregnant and decided to make that "midlife miracle," as she calls it, the centrepiece of her book.

"The whole thing about not having kids is those baby showers. I think so many women feel the way that I talk about in the book — I think there's lots of disappointment in these women's hearts."

While Dratch does explore some of these sensitive issues, she's not short on the dish when it comes to her own love life and her time on SNL, even if she is loath to admit that her unique perspective on that legendary TV show is a fascinating component of the book.

"To me, so many people have described their experience there," she says. "When I was there, it was pretty supportive ... It's such highs and such lows there. Only people that have been there understand what it's like to get your scene cut at 11 p.m. before you're going on. But then on the flip side, it's the pinnacle of sketch comedy."

On dating

Rachel on dating in the city:

- "In Europe, I'm a total hottie, not that I spend much time in Europe. Whenever I leave New York (or L.A.), I meet a lot of normal guys. There's a lot more normal guys not in these big cities where

everyone moves there to be the best thing. Everyone moves there to be the best in their careers and that includes dating the hottest chick. I don't know, it just seems like there's lots of trading up and looking around in L.A. and New York."



François Arnaud as Cesare Borgia HANDOUT

Enter fray with new season of The Borgias

The son will rise. The Borgias star François Arnaud promises his character Cesare will be anything but passive this season

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For François Arnaud, the trick to acting on *The Borgias* is to keep it “real and relatable.” That’s no easy task considering Arnaud’s playing the 15th century black sheep son of a philandering, murdering Pope.

“But the character still has to ring true to people,” says the Montreal-born Arnaud, who plays Cesare Borgia in the Gemini-winning period drama, which returns for season two on April 8th.

“The goal is to not be

We can relate

“The goal is to not be stylized or theatrical but to keep it lively and modern. The way the relationships work is really no different than how they’d play out today.”

François Arnaud

stylized or theatrical but to keep it lively and modern. The way the relationships work is really no different than how they’d play out today.”

In the second season of *The Borgias*, Cesare continues to find himself on the outs with his father — Pope Alexander (Jeremy Irons). Alexander still favours his much more inept son Juan.

But unlike in the past, Arnaud says his character won’t just stay angry. He’ll

“take action” this season.

“I think, in the first season, he (Cesare) didn’t do much because he was very much a teenager. Now, he’s very different. He’s less angry. He takes responsibility for himself and his family,” he says.

“The rivalry with my brother also rises to a new level. And Cesare no longer feels he has to follow his father’s wishes. But he doesn’t want to be pope himself. No. That comes with a lot of baggage,” laughs Arnaud.

Beyond his character, Arnaud promises a more action-packed season for Borgias fans.

“First season of any show, especially a period drama, tends to be expositional. You have to explain the world and set things up. But in this new season, we are free to just go straight to the action.”

Season two of *The Borgias* premieres Apr. 8 at 10 p.m. (ET) on Bravo!.

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Why women love Game of Thrones

Fantasy. It's bloody, violent and male-dominated. So why does this show have so many female fans?



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At first glance, the Seven Kingdoms of Westeros (and the Wildlings and Others that live past the northern border) are dominated by a male society. Daughters are wedded off for political advantage, and wives and betrothed who disobey their husbands are slapped across the face.

Despite what appears to be a misogynistic message, HBO's critically acclaimed series *Game of Thrones* has managed to appeal to a large base of female fans. From bloggers analyzing women's hatred toward the more conniving female characters to women-run forums dedicated to what female characters they can't wait to see next,

Control

"(The women) have a lot of control over their actions, more than typical women in fantasy stories."

Diya Chaco
Fan of the series

the fairer sex is as enamored with the world that George R. R. Martin created as their male counterparts.

"I could see how men would be more attracted to it. It's a lot of sex and violence — and there's a lot of boobs," Rosanne Stern said. "(The episodes) were based off the time period they were written about. But, a lot of the girls

who have seen it — after they (got over that) there was a lot of sex and violence — we're drawn in as well."

Stern, a 26-year-old English student, faithfully watches the HBO series with her boyfriend. She had previously read the series before the show came out. Despite the

fact that she believes that it is "one of the most well-written series I've come across in a while," Stern rarely found other female fans that shared her passion for the series before the TV show came out. Now, she's noticing that men and women alike reading the books and catching up with



Maisie Williams plays Arya Stark, one of the show's strongest female characters. CONTRIBUTED



the A Song of Fire and Ice saga.

Part of what Stern feels draws women to the series is the strong female characters like Daenerys, the Dothraki princess from House Targaryen, and Brienne of Tarth, a warrior who will be featured on the second season of the show.

Diya Chaco, another female fan of the series, agrees. "You have these women set in this time where there are knights and yes they are princesses, but none of them act like a princess," she explained.

Chaco was first introduced to the series when her mother bought the first book, *A Song of Ice and Fire*, in an airport and gave it to her back in 1999. "It was way too early for me to read it," the 25-year-old editorial producer said, laughing.

When Chaco heard HBO was making a show, she immediately re-bought the books that she had lost during Hurricane Katrina and read them over again. She was drawn in by the fantasy series because it didn't conform to typical tropes.

"I know that there are graphic sex scenes in the book, and to see those graphic sex scenes on the screen is a bit shocking, but it's HBO," Chaco explained.

At the end, what draws most women to the show is the series' universal appeal of a nail-biting plot where no person is safe and strong characters, regardless of their gender.

Keeps trying

Why Finkleman likes playing George Findlay:

- "(He has an) ability to slide out of difficult situations he has created because of his own self-interest ... Ralph Kramden was the same thing on *The Honeymooners* ... we watch him reach for something he never can quite get."

Good God, Finkleman is bringing back George

There's a good reason why Ken Finkleman changed the title of his continuing television series from *Good Dog* to *Good God*.

"It's a different show completely," said the creator, writer and star of the new series that premieres April 9th on The Movie Network. Harkening back to his popular '90s hit *The Newsroom*, *Good God*

this time posits his perpetual character George Findlay as head of a right-wing TV news network — quite a switch from last year's self-reflective sitcom.

But once again, Finkleman gets to explore his interminable George character through another setting. Whether it's in *The Newsroom* or *Good God*, it's an

opportunity that keeps its creator evolving — even if the character doesn't.

"George learns nothing. So what's interesting about him I think is we watch his inability to learn," explained Finkleman — an anti-establishment writer if showbiz ever saw one. "There's no arc, it's a comedy — it's silly."

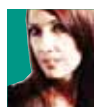
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The setting may change, but Ken Finkleman's George Findlay never does. CONTRIBUTED

Pleasing audiences along with Sir Elton John

Ballet. Alberta production pays homage to rock star with Love Lies Bleeding



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When Love Lies Bleeding airs on CBC next week, Yukichi Hattori will be watching — and probably cringing.

It's not that the 31-year-old principal dancer is embarrassed by Alberta Ballet's visually spectacular homage to rock great Elton John — Hattori is happy the critically acclaimed show will reach an even wider audience — he simply hates watching himself on screen.

"I kind of have to watch it once just to tell myself what I can do better next time," he says.

"Other than that, I probably won't watch it again."

Hattori needn't be so hard on himself.

The Japanese-born performer excels in the ballet, which is based on the music and life of one Mr. Reginald Dwight.

But dancing the lead role of 'Elton Fan' wasn't easy, according to Hattori, who had to wear a variety of eye-catching outfits that included wigs, crowns, hats and boots.

"I wore sunglasses in every song and that was very hard," he recalls.

"It makes everything much darker and all you can see is your spotlight."

Love Lies Bleeding premiered at the Jubilee Auditorium in 2010 and has wowed audiences in Vancouver, Edmonton and To-

Info

- Love Lies Bleeding airs Monday at 9 p.m. on CBC. Alberta Ballet remounts Love Lies Bleeding at the Jubilee Auditorium May 2-5. For tickets and more info, go to albertaballet.com or call 403-245-4549.

ronto.

Hattori admits he didn't know a lot about John before the show, but says he now has a deeper appreciation for John and musical partner Bernie Taupin's songwriting.

The flamboyant pop singer gave Love Lies Bleeding, which was choreographed by Alberta Ballet artistic director Jean Grand-Maitre, his blessing and even introduces the CBC production.

"Because we're using his music and it's roughly based on his life as a celebrity, it means a lot that he's happy about it," says Hattori.

"We don't want to give the impression that we're not doing him justice."

Although he performs the same choreography in the TV version of Love Lies Bleeding, produced by Calgary's White Iron Productions, Hattori had to pay particular attention to his facial expressions and movements on camera.

"With TV, you get the angles you wouldn't get from live theatre and the intensity is there because the cameras are right in your face," he explains.

"When you're on stage, you have to overact. But if I did the same acting on camera, I would look a bit psychotic."



Yukichi Hattori stars as Elton John's No. 1 fan in Alberta Ballet's Love Lies Bleeding, based on the music and life of the singer. The show airs Monday on CBC. COLIN SMITH

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Justin Timberlake to be officially off the market?



Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel are reportedly looking to tie the knot as soon as this summer, according to People magazine.

"Justin and Jessica are planning a big (summer) wedding," a source says of the plans. "Jessica initially wanted a smaller, more intimate wedding, but Justin from the beginning wanted a big wedding and that's what they have decided on."

He also apparently

wants to be in fantastic shape for the big day.

"Justin has put on a few pounds recently after working out a lot for a movie role, but now with the summer in sight he's back in the gym and working out harder than ever," the source adds. "He's seen the effort Jessica puts in order to stay fit and looking healthy and he doesn't want to go the other way. She's inspired him to get fit again."



Bruno Mars

Bruno Mars denies report that he is gay

Reports of Bruno Mars' coming out of the closet as gay are apparently phony, his rep insists to Hollyscoop.

"Someone pulled a prank and the world has run with it," the singer's rep says. "The Internet is really powerful."

A viewer-submitted CNN story had reported that Mars

had told a Chicago radio station that he's a homosexual.

"The timing is bad. I hadn't realized it was April Fool's Day, but it's been pointed out to me, and I don't want to go too public with this," Mars supposedly said. His rep insists the whole thing was "completely fabricated."

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The Word



SNL stars look to leave show



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Two sources have told Us Weekly that several of the best, more recognizable Saturday Night Live players are ready to move on.

"Kristen Wiig, Andy Samberg and Jason Sudeikis are all leaving after the end of the season," says one insider.

"It will be a huge blow to the show. Without

Andy's video shorts and Kristen saving every skit, they'll need help!"

A rep for both Wiig, 38, and Sudeikis, 36, deny the rumor, telling Us, "No decisions are made until the season is over."

But another pal says the timing is right.

"Kristen was talking about leaving a while ago. With her movie success, it's no surprise."

It's time, but it's too bad — they (and the occasional crazy guest host, a la Lindsay Lohan) made the show worth watching this season. Although now that we think about it, that's a pretty sad highlight reel.

Twitter



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Saying "Atheism is a belief system", is like saying "not going skiing, is a hobby."



@GarryShandling

OK, so I misunderstood what planking was at first. Big deal.



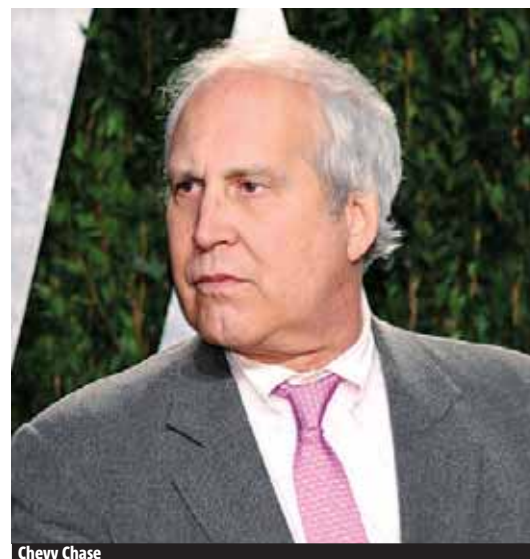
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Ugh, I feel like Burt Reynolds - woke up covered in hair. My giant German Shepherd slept on top of my bed last night. So did my dog.



@SethMacFarlane

"I'M STANDING ON THE FRONT OF A BOAT!" --Titanic (first draft)



Chevy Chase

Chase could be cut out of Community

Chevy Chase's future on the sitcom Community may be in jeopardy after a feud with show creator Dan Harmon, who decided to unload about the dust-up at a recent comedy show he hosts.

As Harmon tells it, Chase stormed off set after a particularly difficult scene, eventually sending Harmon an apology via text message.

"I said f— you. You breached your contract,"

Harmon says.

"And then what happened a day later? That night ... after what I'm guessing is two bottles of Busch Light?"

Harmon then played a voice mail message purportedly from Chase that included the veteran comic actor saying, "If you were here now, I'd f—ing kick your teeth out" and, "You're not funny. You're OK."

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Jenna opens the J.Crew door: 'We don't want to be exclusive'

Brand expand. The U.S. brand, with the massive cult following and Michelle Obama endorsement, finally pushes its unique take on high and low global

KENYA HUNT

Metro World News in London

For years, J.Crew was that American company that produced the chic clothes that you coveted but frustratingly couldn't buy. Through Michelle Obama, the rest of the world was introduced to the brand's colourful, up-beat cardigans and pencil skirts, clothes that sit just slightly to the left of classic — meaning, trend-conscious enough without the risk of being out of style six months later. And then there's Jenna Lyons, the president and executive creative director of J.Crew, whose fashion celebrity seems to grow by the day. Her off-beat personal style and knack for seamlessly mixing high and low has become inextricably linked with the brand, not to mention a full-blown fashion blogger obsession.

We talk to Lyons about the company's recent decision to go global (they now ship to 107 countries) after only being available in the U.S. for nearly 30 years.

What makes now the right time to expand internationally?

We were finding that a lot of customers were calling our New York store and asking for



President and executive creative director of J.Crew, Jenna Lyons.

things to be shipped overseas. But we had to get our ducks in a row first. We had the U.S. expansion that we were working on and we were in the process of launching a few really big projects that we needed to have all hands on deck for first. We wanted to do it right.

How do you think J.Crew's American sensibility will translate to a global audience?

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The brand is much more popular with fashion insiders

than it was years ago. For example, Manolo Blahnik collaborated with you on your a/w '12 show and you're now selling Comme des Garçons Play. What led to the change?

I think Mickey Drexler (chairman and CEO) has allowed us to step out of the box of what we've done before. We've really tried to develop a clear visual over the last four or five years that's a tad bit more fashion. Working with the CFDA has also been a big help, getting more intimately



acquainted with the designers and people like Diane von Furstenberg and Anna Wintour. People began to have a different trust level with us. People (in the fashion industry) began to view us as being on the inside rather than the outside.

How are you managing to please both your fans who love high fashion and the ones who love the affordable classics?

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On the Web



Gray hair is in fashion but many working women aren't ready to give up the dye.

Reach for the matzo meal this Passover for delicious, modern bites

Passover Sliders with Caramelized Onions.

Try these tasty bunless burgers for a twist on traditional ingredients

During Passover, much of the culinary focus is on the Seder, the celebratory meal that commemorates the Jewish liberation and exodus from Egypt.

But the special dietary restrictions that go with the holiday last at least a week, which can challenge even the most creative of cooks to come up with interesting meals.

During the week of Passover, Jews are supposed to adhere to dietary restrictions intended to remind them that their ancestors were in such a hurry to get out of Egypt that they didn't even wait for their bread to rise, instead taking matzos, the unleavened flatbreads that are still eaten today.

This is why many Jews avoid foods made with wheat, barley, rye, spelt or oats that have been mixed with water and allowed

Ingredients

- 625 g (1 1/4 lb) lean ground beef
- 5 ml (1 tsp) onion powder
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) matzo meal
- 5 ml (1 tsp) kosher salt
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) kosher chicken fat, duck fat or extra virgin olive oil

Caramelized Onions:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large sweet onion, thinly sliced
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) kosher salt

to stand in the open air for more than 18 minutes — the amount of time it takes for natural leavening to begin.

Which is to say, there's a lot of matzo sold during Passover.

For an easy meal during this holiday, try these Passover sliders. The bunless burgers are dipped in beaten eggs, coated with seasoned matzo meal and

Passover Sliders with Caramelized Onions



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

fried in olive oil, Passover margarine or, for the absolute best flavour, chicken or duck fat.

1. Caramelized onions: In saucepan heat oil over medium heat and cook onion and salt, stirring 15 minutes or until soft and golden. Remove from heat and set aside.

2. In bowl, mix ground beef

and onion powder. Form beef mixture into 8 equal 5-x-2-cm (2-x-3/4-inch) patties. Transfer to a plate and set aside.

3. In a wide, shallow bowl, mix together matzo meal, salt and pepper. Dip each beef patty into beaten eggs, turning to coat, then transfer to dish with matzo meal. Turn gently to coat evenly; return to plate.

4. In skillet, heat fat over medium-high heat and fry patties, turning once, 3 mins. per side or until desired doneness until crusty and golden brown. Serve topped with caramelized onions.

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A hearty Matzo Brei Shepherd's Pie

This matzo brei (kind of a matzo french toast) topped shepherd's pie is meant to be prepared with leftovers from your seder.

This recipe uses brisket

and beef broth to make the filling, but if you have leftover turkey or chicken you can simply use chicken broth.

1. Coat a 20-x-20-cm (8-x-8-inch) glass baking dish with cooking spray; set aside.

2. In a large skillet heat

oil over medium-high heat; add onion and sauté 3 to 5 minutes or until softened and translucent. Add mushrooms and cook for 5 minutes or until they begin to brown. Add carrots and thyme, cook, stirring often, for 7 minutes.

3. Stir in matzo meal and cook, stirring constantly, for 2 minutes. Add wine and cook, stirring constantly and scraping up any browned bits on the bottom of the pan, for 2 minutes.

4. Stir in brisket and broth;

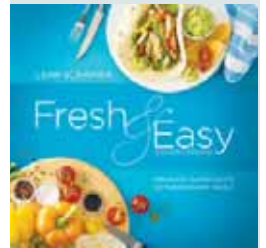
cook, stirring occasionally, 3 to 5 minutes or until mixture is simmering and has thickened slightly. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from heat and transfer mixture to prepared baking dish.

5. Topping: Crumble matzos into a large colander placed over a bowl to catch crumbs, then hold colander under running cold water for 15 to 20 seconds or until matzos are moist and softened, but not completely disintegrated. Transfer to bowl with crumbs. Add eggs

6. Spread matzo mixture in an even layer over top of brisket mixture, then sprinkle with pepper. Bake in 190 C (375 F) oven until matzo brei topping is golden and brisket filling is bubbling. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA

Cookbook of the Week

Fresh & Easy Kosher Cooking



From Leah Schapira, the founder of cookkosher.com, a rapidly growing online kosher recipe exchange, comes Fresh & Easy Kosher Cooking.

The book contains more than 170 easy-to-make recipes, full-colour photos, side dish pairing suggestions, tips for food preparation and storage as well as a comprehensive index.

Among the recipes are modern eats such as Crispy Oven-Baked Chicken and Deep-Dish Chocolate Chip Pies as well as traditional favourites like Egg and Liver Tower, Four-Section Challah Rolls and Parve Polish Cholent. METRO

Readers' note

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Keep small spaces neutral and add drama on focal points like a fireplace. BENJAMINMOORE.CA

Be careful with some colours

Painting an entire small space any of the three primary colours (apple red, sunflower yellow or cobalt blue) would be a big mistake.

- **Three primary colours.** These shades are the truest form of colour. But they can affect our visual and mental states if we are exposed to them for too long a time.
- **Sunflower yellow.** The true form of yellow is a irritant to the eye (but it's great for powder rooms and hallways).
- **Cobalt blue.** This colour generally lacks personality (but use it to add a punch of colour inside a closet or to paint around cabinetry in a kitchen).
- **Apple red.** This colour creates blood flow and energy (good only for dining rooms).
- **How to use these colours.** If you like yellow, red or blue, make sure they are a faded-down, murky version to help soften the intensity.

Small space paint primer

Decor ideas. Painting a tiny abode? Here's a few tricks to make it feel larger



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If you are thinking about freshening up your space this spring, there is no better return on your dollar and time then to paint it a new colour.

If you are in a small

space then here are some designer secrets that will make it feel larger than it actually is.

Be consistent

To make the overall space feel as large as possible, paint it one colour.

That colour should be a good neutral that reflects your style in many rooms. Neutrals don't have to be boring; khaki green, blue greys, camel tans and putty creams are all updated neutrals that give personality to a space.

If you really want more than one colour, choose

similar tonal values in the different colours. This will create an even flow of tones throughout the space, making it feel bigger.

Match your trims

If your five-inch baseboards and four-inch crown mouldings are painted the same colour as your walls, you will visually gain nine inches of height in the room.

This little trick will make your space feel taller and loftier.

Interior doors, radiators, mantels and stairs become less interruptive when painted the same colour as

the rest of the space.

Paint trims with a sheen-finished paint for durability and to allow them to stand out.

Keep ceilings white

I have always subscribed to the classic decorator rule that ceilings should be painted a dull white.

Your ceiling is the largest, uninterrupted surface in a room. Keeping it bright helps natural light bounce into the room and makes ceilings appear taller.

A lot of new small places offer exceptionally high ceilings, which often gives

Tip

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the too-tall "cracker-jack box" effect to the room.

In that case paint the ceilings the same as the walls to help bring them down, which inevitably helps visually widen the room.

Paint a punch

In order to add jazz to a small space it's always nice

to highlight a focal point with a splash of paint.

An old mantel painted high-gloss navy blue, a multi-mullioned window painted black, a centrally-located interior door painted citron green are all simple ways to add a punch of colour to your space without chopping it up.

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All right stop, renovate and listen: Vanilla Ice is back with a brand new edition



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DIY ideas. He rocks a mic like a vandal — but can he use a hammer like a pro? Tune in

Stop, collaborate and...renovate?! That's right, pop icon Vanilla Ice and his crew of contractors are renovating a busted-up Palm Beach mansion in DIY Network Canada's The Vanilla Ice Project.

Now you can sing, dance and renovate along with Ice and, while you're at it, use these easy tips to bring a feeling of spring into your bedroom.

Paint an accent wall
The contrast of light and dark colours can quickly open up the

look of a bedroom.

Before getting started, sample a selection of colours at various times of the day to see what works best with your decor. Begin by painting one accent wall a lighter colour — behind your headboard can look stunning.

If you want to take a monochromatic approach, have a paint store lighten the existing wall colour by three-quarters.

A monochromatic colour scheme can give a room a more spacious feel by avoiding too many competing colours and patterns. As an additional brightening tip, high gloss paint will reflect more light.

Update lighting fixtures

Scan the room and determine which corners are most in need of brightening and add a floor

or table lamp.

If your bedroom has a ceiling light fixture, a large, brightly-lit chandelier is a great option to provide light from above. Chandeliers spread light in the most beautiful ways and also add a luxurious feel to your bedroom.

Let in the light

Maximizing natural light is a sure way to brighten up any space. Simple Venetian blinds do a beautiful job brightening windows. Try to stay away from heavy fabrics and dark colours when choosing window coverings.

If using curtains, install a curtain rod that extends beyond the width of the window so that when the curtains are pulled back, they let in as much light as possible.

Mirrors will reflect existing light and can also make rooms seem larger. By strategically placing mirrors across from a light source, your bedroom can seem brighter and more spacious.

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Add some new furniture

Continue the contrast of dark and light through the furniture and accessories in your room.

- **Yin and Yang.** Having a dark bed will make light shades of bedding and pillows stand out.
- **Decor trick.** If you have lighter walls, find darker dressers or chests that can be placed against them.
- **Add some personality.** When considering accessories for the room, lamps and rugs are a great opportunity to bring in light tones.
- **Shine on, you crazy diamond.** Photos or pictures framed under glass will reflect light and brighten interior walls or dark corners.

Tip

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That time again: Get scrubbing

Spring cleaning.

Domestic darling Katie Brown gives us useful ways to make the annual clean-out less of a chore

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"The first thing you've got to do is start with a good playlist so you can get your groove on," says lifestyle expert and TV host Katie Brown (katiebrown.com).

See why we love her? Here are more of her spring cleaning tips:

Clean before you clean

"You want to make sure you're starting with a tidy house," says Brown.

Spring cleaning shouldn't be about putting away your clothes or making your bed. I remember growing up we had a cleaning lady that would come over once a month, and my mom made us clean our rooms before. It used to drive me nuts, but I get it now.

When you're doing the "big clean" it takes too much

time to tidy up. This is the time you get deep into it and get to all the things that are driving you crazy, like getting your windows clean."

Strategize

Go worst room to best, advises Brown. "My kitchen is the hardest. So I start there in the beginning when I'm really pumped up. If I do the kitchen first, then I'm happy because I know I have it out of the way."

Spread the love

"Don't try and do it all in one day," stresses Brown. "Give yourself an hour after work each day. On Monday you're going to clean your kitchen. On Tuesday you're doing the bathroom, and so on. That way it's not too daunting."

Cleaning power

"I like to have a big bucket. And in that big bucket is where all the magic happens."

Katie Brown, lifestyle expert and TV host

Supplies in check

Have your cleaning supplies in one carry-all that you can easily take from room to room.

"I like to have a big bucket - et," says Brown. "And in that big bucket is where all the magic happens. I have everything in there I need from WD-40 to emery boards to tape for my vacuum cleaner to magic erasers. It's all there ready to go."

Sweat the small stuff

"I always have a screwdriver with me so that once a year I can get those knobs that are falling off as I'm going through."



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SPORTS

Flames preview

Vancouver at Calgary (Sportsnet Calgary) 7p.m., Thursday

The Flames (35-29-16) host the Canucks (50-21-9), who are in the hunt for their second straight Presidents' Trophy after winning seven straight. Calgary is winless in its last three, including a 3-2 overtime loss in Vancouver on Saturday. Alex Burrows scored twice in the Canucks' 5-4 shootout win over Anaheim on Tuesday. Burrows has at least 26 goals in each of his last four seasons.

In his last 11 games, Olli Jokinen has three points and is a minus-14. THE CANADIAN PRESS

On the web



At least one former Habs great is out of the running for the Canadiens' vacant GM position. Vincent Damphousse withdrew from consideration on Wednesday. Scan the code to find out who else could be the new head of Montreal's front office.

Howard has eyes on gold after beating Swedes, Scots

Curling. Unbeaten skip locks up top spot at world men's curling championship

It was the toughest day on the schedule for Canada's Glenn Howard at the world men's curling championship.

The unbeaten Ontario skip didn't let up Wednesday against the formidable one-two punch of Sweden's Niklas Edin and Scotland's Tom Brewster, handing both playoff contenders the same fate as every other opponent he's faced so far.

Along the way, Howard locked up the No. 1 seed and a berth in the Page 1-versus-2 playoff while showing the rest of the field why he's the clear favourite to win a world title for a fourth time.

"Every team that comes out here, we've got to play like they're the biggest ones here and that's what we do," Howard said.

Canada beat Edin 10-6 in the afternoon before topping Brewster 7-5 in the evening at St. Jakobshalle.

Howard showed again he has no trouble adjusting to the style of his opponent. He was up for a rollicking



Canada's skip Glenn Howard, centre, Brent Laing, right, and Craig Savill talk during their match against Sweden Wednesday in Basel, Switzerland.

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skins-style shootout against the aggressive Swedes, then used a steady, clinical style against the efficient Scots.

"Any team out here can beat us," Howard said. "I think they know that and they just have to get us on a bad day or (they're) on a

Quoted

"I just want to win this and it doesn't matter to me if we go undefeated or not."

Canada's Glenn Howard

good day. I don't think 9-0 intimidates them that much. "They've seen that we didn't dominate out here. We're outplaying (teams) a little bit. But we're still winning on last shot a lot of times."

Howard beat Scotland

with a raise takeout on his final throw. After shaking hands, he spun around to wave to the contingent of flag-waving friends and family in the far reaches of the 9,000-seat venue, which was about one-quarter full.

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NBA

League close to selling Hornets

Commissioner David Stern says the NBA is close to a deal to keep the Hornets in New Orleans with a favourable lease, important capital improvements, intense tax benefits and a new television deal.

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MLB

Votto signs long-term deal

Canadian slugger Joey Votto agreed to a 12-year deal worth more than \$200 million US with the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday. It's the longest guaranteed contract in major-league history.

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Joey Votto GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Schneider gets nod for start

The Vancouver Canucks will have Cory Schneider in goal for their final road game of the regular season after Roberto Luongo was pulled during Vancouver's 5-4 victory over the Anaheim Ducks Tuesday.

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UFC president Dana White on Canadian lightweight Sam Stout's June 22 fight against Spencer Fisher in Atlantic City, N.J.



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McIlroy shows no lead is safe at Masters

PGA. Nearly 40 per cent of the Masters have been won by eight players

The seven shots Rory McIlroy took on the 10th hole last year at the Masters remain a blur.

So was the rest of his final round at Augusta National, where the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland made the wrong kind of history. He started with a four-shot lead. He finished 10 shots behind after an 80, the highest closing round

by a 54-hole leader in 56 years.

If nothing else, it was a reminder how tenuous a lead can be in the final round.

Especially at the Masters. "It's a course that makes you really nervous," Australian golfer Geoff Ogilvy said.

There is an art to playing Augusta. For those seeking their first green jacket, let alone their first major, finishing it off can be a challenge.

Greg Norman lost a record six-shot lead in 1996. Ed Sneed had a five-shot lead in 1979, and was still three shots clear with three holes remaining when he made three straight

Tough task

"If you were to carry a decent lead into Sunday, you'd need a steel-trap mind to survive."

Three-time Masters winner Nick Faldo on the difficulties of protecting a lead in the final round.

bogeys and lost in a playoff. Ken Venturi was on the verge of becoming the only amateur to win the Masters in 1956 when he blew a four-shot lead. Like McIlroy, he shot an 80.

McIlroy's blown lead is

enough of a memory going into the Masters. Adding to the emphasis is a bad habit of 54-hole leaders failing to win this year on the PGA Tour.

In 14 stroke-play events on the PGA Tour, only five players have gone on to win with at least a share of the third-round lead. With that kind of history, protecting a lead is not easy.

"Not even close to easy, as we've seen," Nick Faldo said.

He should know. Faldo is the only player with multiple Masters wins who has never had the lead going into the last day.

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From left, Gerry McIlroy, Rory McIlroy and Stewart Cink walk in front of the clubhouse during the Par 3 Contest prior to the start of the 2012 Masters at Augusta National Golf Club on Wednesday. ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY IMAGES



World Series champs spoil Marlins' opening-day party

Miami's Josh Johnson makes the first pitch of the major-league season to Rafael Furcal of St. Louis during opening day at Marlins Park on Wednesday. Kyle Lohse didn't allow a hit until the seventh inning and pitched into the eighth to help the World Series champion Cardinals spoil the Marlins' debut in their new ballpark, 4-1. MIKE EHRLMANN/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Habs Price-less for rest of season

The season has ended early for Montreal Canadiens goaltender Carey Price.

The club confirmed Wednesday what had been suspected in recent days that Price was suffering from a mild concussion. The announcement was made after Price was examined by a team doctor.

Before the injury, Price was not sure if he would accept an invitation to play for Canada at the IIHF world championships. His participation appears even less likely now.

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NBA

LeBron leaves OKC thunderstruck

LeBron James had 34 points and 10 assists, Dwyane Wade scored 19 points and the Miami Heat avenged a loss at Oklahoma City last week, rallying to beat the Thunder 98-93 on Wednesday night for their 17th straight home victory.

Kevin Durant scored 30 points for Oklahoma City, and Russell Westbrook added 28, but shot 9 for 26. James Harden had 12 for the Thunder, who lost despite holding Miami to 37 per cent shooting.

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x-New Jersey	80	46	28	2	4	222	206	98	23-13-0-4	23-15-2-0	6-3-0-1	W4	
x-Ottawa	80	41	29	6	4	246	233	92	20-16-2-2	21-13-4-2	5-4-0-1	L1	
Washington	80	40	32	4	4	214	227	88	25-11-2-2	15-21-2-2	4-4-1-1	L1	
Buffalo	80	39	31	4	6	214	224	88	21-12-3-5	18-19-1-1	6-2-0-2	W1	
Winnipeg	80	37	34	5	4	218	237	83	23-13-1-3	18-16-0-6	4-5-1-0	W1	
Tampa Bay	80	37	36	4	3	229	275	81	25-14-1-1	12-22-3-2	5-5-0-0	L1	
Carolina	80	32	32	10	6	210	238	80	19-14-2-5	13-18-8-1	6-4-0-0	W1	
Toronto	80	34	36	5	5	227	258	78	17-16-3-4	17-20-2-1	4-4-1-1	L1	
NY Islanders	80	33	36	7	4	195	244	77	16-18-5-1	17-18-3-2	6-4-0-0	L3	
Montreal	80	30	35	4	11	207	223	75	15-15-2-8	15-20-2-3	3-3-2-2	W1	

WESTERN CONFERENCE													
	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk	
y-Vancouver	80	50	21	2	7	244	195	109	26-10-0-4	24-11-3-2	8-1-1-0	W7	
y-St. Louis	80	48	21	1	10	206	159	107	30-5-1-4	18-16-0-6	3-3-0-4	L3	
d-Los Angeles	80	40	27	5	8	187	170	93	22-14-0-4	18-13-5-4	8-2-0-0	W1	
x-Detroit	80	48	27	3	2	245	198	101	31-6-1-1	17-21-2-1	4-4-2-0	W2	
x-Nashville	80	46	26	3	5	229	209	100	25-10-2-3	21-16-1-2	5-5-0-0	W1	
x-Chicago	80	44	26	4	6	244	234	98	27-8-1-5	17-18-3-1	7-1-0-2	L1	
Phoenix	80	40	27	3	10	208	202	93	22-13-2-4	18-14-1-6	6-2-0-2	W2	
San Jose	80	41	29	5	5	219	203	92	25-12-1-2	16-17-3-4	6-4-0-0	W2	
Dallas	80	42	33	1	4	209	217	89	22-15-0-3	20-18-1-1	3-7-0-0	L3	
Colorado	80	41	33	4	2	205	209	88	22-15-1-1	19-18-3-1	5-3-1-1	W1	
Calgary	80	35	29	7	9	194	222	86	21-12-1-5	14-17-6-4	2-3-3-2	L3	
Minnesota	80	34	35	2	9	174	221	79	19-16-1-3	15-19-1-6	5-4-0-1	L1	
Anaheim	80	33	35	5	7	199	224	78	21-18-2-0	12-17-3-7	4-5-0-1	L3	
Edmonton	80	32	39	3	6	210	233	73	18-17-2-3	14-22-1-3	5-3-1-1	L1	
Columbus	80	27	46	2	5	190	257	61	16-21-1-2	11-25-1-3	5-5-0-0	L1	

x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division; z — clinched conference; d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Montreal 5 Tampa Bay 2
Detroit 3 St. Louis 2 (SO)
Tuesday's results
Buffalo 6 Toronto 5 (OT)
Carolina 2 Ottawa 1
Vancouver 5 Anaheim 4 (SO)
Winnipeg 5 Florida 4 (OT)
Nashville 2 Minnesota 1 (SO)
New Jersey 3 N.Y. Islanders 1
N.Y. Rangers 5 Philadelphia 3
Phoenix 2 Columbus 0
Pittsburgh 5 Boston 3
San Jose 5 Dallas 2
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Florida at Washington, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Phoenix at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Ottawa at New Jersey, 3 p.m.
Buffalo at Boston, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 4 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

CANADIENS 5, LIGHTNING 2
First Period
1. Montreal, Emelin 3 (Desharnais, Budaj) 2:11
2. Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 22, 7:26
Penalties — Thompson TB, Staubitz Mtl (roughing) 13:31.
Second Period
3. Montreal, Cole 33 (Desharnais, Pacioretty) 1:42
4. Montreal, Cole 34 (Plekanec, Markov) 14:34 (pp)
Penalties — Emelin Mtl (delay of game) 2:21, Lecavalier TB (hooking) 8:15, Leblanc Mtl (hooking) 11:21, Wallace TB (cross-checking) 13:47, Connolly TB (tripping) 17:37.
Third Period
5. Tampa Bay, Gervais 6 (Wallace, Hedman) 3:42
6. Montreal, Pacioretty 31 (Gorges, Plekanec) 5:58
7. Montreal, Pacioretty 32 (Subban) 14:59
Penalties — Lecavalier TB (hooking) 12:33, Leblanc Mtl (hooking) 16:01.
Shots
Tampa Bay 6 5 7 16
Montreal 13 6 6 25
Goal — Tampa Bay: Caron (1,1-1-0); Montreal: Budaj (W,4-7-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Tampa Bay: 0-3; Montreal: 1-4.
Referees — Wes McCauley, Don Van Massenhoven.
Linesmen — Lomnie Cameron, Bryan Panich.
Attendance — 21,273 (21,273).

SCORING LEADERS			
	G	A	PT
Malkin, Pgh	48	57	105
Stamkos, TB	58	37	95
Giroux, Pha	28	64	92
Spezza, Ott	33	50	83
Neal, Pgh	40	41	81
Kessel, Tor	37	44	81
Kovalchuk, NJ	15	46	81
H.Sedin, Vcr	13	67	80
Tavares, NYI	31	48	79
Hossa, Chi	29	48	77
Karlsson, Ott	19	58	77
Gaborik, NYR	41	35	76
Elias, NJ	26	50	76

SOCCER

MLS													
EASTERN CONFERENCE													
	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt						
Kansas City	4	4	0	0	7	1	12						
New York	4	2	2	0	10	7	6						
Columbus	3	2	1	0	3	2	6						
Houston	3	2	1	0	2	2	6						
New England	4	2	2	0	4	5	6						
D.C. United	4	1	2	1	5	5	4						
Chicago	3	1	1	1	2	3	4						
Philadelphia	4	0	3	1	2	6	1						
Montreal	5	0	4	1	3	11	1						
Toronto	3	0	3	0	1	7	0						

WESTERN CONFERENCE													
	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt						
Real Salt Lake	5	4	1	0	9	4	12						
San Jose	4	3	1	0	5	1	9						
Colorado	4	2	1	0	7	5	6						
Vancouver	3	2	1	0	2	0	6						
Seattle	4	2	2	0	5	2	6						
Portland	4	1	2	1	6	6	4						
Dallas	4	1	2	1	5	8	4						
Los Angeles	3	1	2	0	5	7	3						
Chivas USA	4	1	3	0	1	3	3						

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Last night's result
Real Salt Lake 1 Montreal 0
Tonight's game
All Times Eastern
New England at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Toronto at Montreal, 12 p.m.
New York at Columbus, 3 p.m.
Los Angeles at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 7 p.m.
Seattle at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Chivas USA at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

QUARTER-FINALS
SECOND LEG
Yesterday's results
Chelsea (England) 2 Benfica (Portugal) 1 (Chelsea advanced on 3-1 aggregate)
Real Madrid (Spain) 5 APOEL Nicosia (Cyprus) 2 (Real Madrid advanced on 8-2 aggregate)
Tuesday's results
Barcelona (Spain) 3 AC Milan (Italy) 1 (Barcelona advances 3-1 on aggregate)
Bayern Munich (Germany) 2 Marseille (France) 0 (Bayern Munich advances 4-0 on aggregate)
SEMIFINALS
FIRST LEG
Tuesday, April 17
Bayern Munich vs. Real Madrid, 2:45 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
Chelsea vs. Barcelona, 2:45 p.m.

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SEMIFINALS
SECOND LEG
Last night's results
Santos Laguna (Mexico) 6 Toronto (Canada) 2 (Santos Laguna advanced on 7-3 aggregate)
Pumas UNAM (Mexico) 1 Monterrey (Mexico) 1 (Monterrey advanced on 4-1 aggregate)
FINAL
FIRST LEG
Tuesday, April 17
Santos Laguna (Mexico) vs. Monterrey (Mexico)

MLB

SPRING TRAINING													
Yesterday's results													
N.Y. Yankees 8 N.Y. Mets 3													
Houston 5 Chicago White Sox 5													
L.A. Angels 8 L.A. Dodgers 3													
Arizona 14 Milwaukee 3													
Oakland 8 San Francisco 1													
Seattle 7 Colorado 2													
Kansas City 7 San Diego 6													
Tuesday's results													
Toronto 13 Detroit 8													
Tampa Bay 6 Minnesota 2													
N.Y. Mets 7 N.Y. Yankees 6													
Chicago Cubs 5 Milwaukee (ss) 3													
Boston 8 Washington 7													
Colorado 9 Seattle 8													
Philadelphia 7 Pittsburgh 2													
Chicago White Sox 5 Houston 1													
Arizona 5 Milwaukee (ss) 3													
San Diego 2 Kansas City 1													
L.A. Dodgers 4 L.A. Angels 1													
San Francisco 3 Oakland 2													

REGULAR SEASON

All Times Eastern
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Today's games
Boston (Lester 0-0) at Detroit (Verlander 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Romero 0-0) at Cleveland (Master-son 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Last night's result
St. Louis 4 Miami 1
Today's games
Atlanta (Hanson 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Santana 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Halladay 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Beard 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Miami (Buehrle 0-0) at Cincinnati (Cueto 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 0-0) at San Diego (Volquez 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

GOLF

MASTERS
TEE TIMES
At Augusta, Ga. TODAY-TOMORROW
a — amateur; All Times Eastern
7:50 a.m.-10:57 a.m. — Craig Stadler, Brendan Steele, Tim Clark
8:01 a.m.-11:08 a.m. — Jose Maria Olazabal, Robert Garrigus, a-Randal Lewis
8:12 a.m.-11:19 a.m. — Larry Mize, Paul Lawrie, Anders Hansen
8:23 a.m.-11:30 a.m. — Ross Fisher, Ryan Palmer, Harrison Frazer
8:34 a.m.-11:41 a.m. — Ben Crenshaw, Robert Karlsson, a-Bryden MacPherson
8:45 a.m.-11:52 a.m. — Adam Scott, Bo Van Pelt, Martin Kaymer
8:56 a.m.-12:14 p.m. — Steve Stricker, Padraig Harrington, Stewart Cink
9:07 a.m.-12:25 p.m. — Aaron Baddeley, K.T. Kim, Lucas Glover
9:18 a.m.-12:36 p.m. — Kyle Stanley, Jason Day, Bill Haas
9:29 a.m.-12:47 p.m. — Trevor Immelman, Rickie Fowler, Justin Rose
9:40 a.m.-12:58 p.m. — Tom Watson, Johnson Wagner, a-Hideki Matsuyama
10:02 a.m.-1:09 p.m. — Matt Kuchar, Geoff Ogilvy, Y.E. Yang
10:13 a.m.-1:20 p.m. — Gary Woodland, Henrik Stenson, Alvaro Quiros
10:24 a.m.-1:31 p.m. — Charl Schwartzel, Keegan Bradley, a-Kelly Kraft

CURLING

WORLD MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP			
At Basel, Switzerland			
ROUND ROBIN			
Country (skip)	W	L	
x-Canada (G.Howard)	9	0	
China (Liu)	6	3	
Norway (Ulsrud)	6	3	
Scotland (Brewster)	6	3	
Denmark (Stjerne)	5	4	
New Zealand (de Boer)	5	4	
Sweden (Edin)	5	4	
France (Dufour)	3	6	
U.S. (McCormick)	3	6	
Czech Rep. (J.Smitil)	2	7	
Germany (Jahn)	2	7	
Switzerland (Mueller)	2	7	
x — Clinched playoff berth.			
Yesterday's results			
DRAW 12			
Norway 7 China 5			
New Zealand 9 Switzerland 6			
Denmark 9 Czech Republic 8			
Scotland 7 Sweden 4			
DRAW 13			
Canada 10 Sweden 6			
Czech Republic 11 France 9			
Switzerland 7 U.S. 5			
China 7 Germany 6 (extra end)			
DRAW 14			
Canada 7 Scotland 5			
U.S. 10 New Zealand 4			
Norway 7 Germany 6			
Denmark 8 France 3			
Today's games			
All Times Eastern			

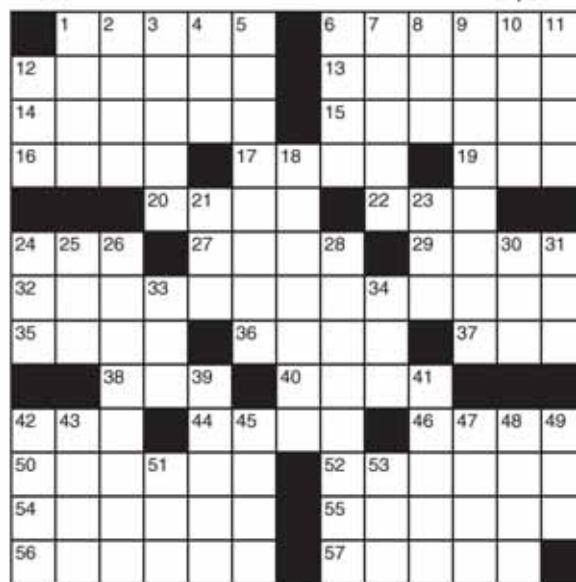
Crossword

Across

- 1 Sumatran ape
- 6 Van Gogh painting
- 12 Open declaration
- 13 El — (place of wealth)
- 14 Fidel's capital
- 15 Gave temporarily
- 16 Brewery creations
- 17 "— of Our Lives"
- 19 Modern-day evidence
- 20 Greet
- 22 Mai —
- 24 Witness
- 27 Cabin makeup
- 29 Night light
- 32 Half a bicycle-shop duo
- 35 "The best — schemes ..."
- 36 Busy as —
- 37 La-la lead-in
- 38 Comic Costello
- 40 Take ten
- 42 Not dis?
- 44 In apple-pie order
- 46 Parks or Bonheur
- 50 Ailing
- 52 Hurt
- 54 Ear affliction
- 55 Votes into office
- 56 Washington group
- 57 Staff

Down

- 1 Squashed circle
- 2 Wander
- 3 Inundated
- 4 A Bobsey twin
- 5 Iris' cousin
- 6 One way to stand by
- 7 Perch
- 8 401(k) alternative
- 9 Chargers' home
- 10 Paradise
- 11 Pop
- 12 "Eureka!"
- 18 Math course
- 21 Everything
- 23 Blackbird
- 24 Scale member
- 25 Mound stat
- 26 Plot-contrived villain
- 28 Fragrant flower
- 30 Kin of 12-Down
- 31 To the — degree
- 33 Bachelor's last words
- 34 — judicata
- 39 Dark
- 41 Took a whack at
- 42 Pairs
- 43 Initial stake
- 45 Otherwise
- 47 Previously



- 48 Soundstages
- 49 Billboards
- 51 Greek vowel
- 53 Will Smith biopic

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another.
Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

OUTZ XUFJWS FUS NGQQZP
CWUT SVZ VEFV-BIGOO
BUJQSWX BIJN CUW QUS
NZEQF BJISJWZP ZQUIFV
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU FAITHFULLY
CLEAN YOUR EARS, I SUPPOSE YOU COULD
CALL THAT GOOD AURAL HYGIENE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals H

How to play



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Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20.

There can be no half measures for you today. You know what you want and you know how to get it.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Identify your priorities and resist the urge to start something new, even if it makes you extra money.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Flex your muscles and remind those you live and work with that you are not the sort who is easily beaten. They'll back off.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

You'll discover something interesting about a friend today that they might prefer you and the world did not know. Be tactful. Try not to embarrass them.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

People like to think that they know best, but best for one individual is not necessarily best for another. Keep that in mind today.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

You can change something about your life that you no longer enjoy. Channel the time you save into more productive activities.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Follow your instincts and take a few chances today. You will get many more cheers than boos.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You may be tempted to let someone get away with comments about you that are clearly untrue, maybe even defamatory. Don't.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

If there is something you want, you will find a way to get it, even if it means treading on a few toes and bruising a few egos.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

Family members are in the driving seat at the moment so you might as well sit back and enjoy the ride.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.

Everyone will do as you tell them today. There will be no shortage of people who want you to act for their benefit. Ignore them.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

You'll get the chance to show what you are made of today and to show that you have what it takes. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Weather

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